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1. (C) Operations: Significant Activities

a. MISSION:

(1) During that portion of the reporting period from 1 November 1970 to 28 February 1971, the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) was located in three Brigade Areas of Operations. The 1st Brigade was in the center, encompassing Camp Gorvad (Division Headquarters) at Phuoc Vinh and extending East into War Zone D. 2d Brigade extended North to the Cambodian border, and 3d Brigade was East of Bien Hoa extending Southeast to the South China Sea. Division missions were: Concentrate on the supply/infiltration routes out of Cambodia; monitor MR-6 and War Zone D; locate enemy cache sites; eliminate the 33d NVA Regiment; destroy enemy base areas; counter enemy attempts to disrupt pacification; upgrade territorial Forces; and exploit ralliers and conduct extensive PSYOPS in support of the rallier program.

(2) On 20 December 1970, the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) was notified that it had been selected as an element of the Sixth Increment RVN Redeployment Plan - KEYSTONE ROBIN CHARLIE. The Division was directed to conduct a phased redeployment of the Division (-) from the Republic of Vietnam and concurrently organize the 3rd Brigade (SEP), 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) for continued operations in RVN under OPCON II FFCRCEV. The Division (-) was programmed for redeployment during the 60-day period 1 March to 29 April 1971. The period 1 January to 28 Feb-

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ruary was characterized by continued operations in the Division's AO while concurrently the Division Staff planned, coordinated, and organized for redeployment.

b. GENERAL:

(1) The 1 November 1970 to 28 February 1971 period saw no significant changes in boundaries or realignment of forces of the Division. The Division remained in the same operational area, stretching from the Cambodian border to the South China Sea, that it entered upon withdrawal from Cambodia in June 1970.

(2) Enemy activity within the Division's area of operations remained at a low level during the reporting period as enemy main and local force units avoided contact. The intensity and frequency of attacks by fire on base camps further decreased over the previous reporting period.

(3) The Division continued to emphasize location and evacuation or destruction of enemy caches. As during the previous reporting period, a significant number of enemy impressed laborers and Local Force VC continued to rally. In Phuoc Long Province the continuing intensified psychological operations program in conjunction with combat operations, and a critical food shortage were primary reasons for rallying.

(4) The Division program of upgrading territorial forces continued and included combined operations, deployment of Combat Advisory Teams to train and fight alongside RF/PF soldiers, and formal training of Popular Forces officers and NCO's and ARVN units at the Division's First Team Academy in Bien Hoa.

(5) During the month of February 1971, while the Division was planning and preparing for redeployment, it accounted for 609 enemy KIA, 2 Prisoners of War, 16 Hoi Chanhs, and 335 individual weapons and 4 crew-served weapons captured or destroyed.

(6) In preparation for redeployment, coordination was effected with ARVN forces to assume control of the 2d Brigade Area of Operations and portions of the 1st and 3d Brigade Areas of Operation. Elements of the 7th ARVN Regiment, 5th ARVN Division assumed responsibility for the 2d Brigade AO on 7 March, and on 11 March 1971, control of FSB Buttons at Song Be was assumed by the GVN forces, completing the 2d Brigade disengagement. Upon standdown of the 1st Brigade on 24 March 1971, the 3d Brigade Area of Operations encompassed major portions of the previous AO's of the

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1st and 3d Brigades. The remaining Area of Operation was turned over to GVN Forces. The sequence of Division AO changes and reduction can be followed by referring to overlays in Annex T.

(7) In retrospect, the successful interdiction of enemy supply routes, location and destruction of enemy caches, successful operations directed towards influencing enemy and enemy impressed laborers to rally, and the smooth disengagement associated with redeployment were the most significant aspects of 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) operations during the period 1 November 1970 to 30 April 1971.

c. 1st Brigade Operations:

(1) Mission: During the period 1 November 1970 through 24 March 1971, the 1st Brigade conducted operations in War Zone "D," along the MR2/MR3 boundary, Southern Phuoc Long Province, Long Khanh Province, Northeastern Binh Duong Province, and Northeastern Bien Hoa Province. They were targeted against SR-5 and the 81st Rear Service Group, and tasked with closing infiltration routes between War Zone D and Eastern SR-5. The Brigade conducted operations to prevent enemy mortar/rocket attacks against Camp Gorvad. Additionally, Combat Advisory Teams were employed, and combined US-ARVN operations were conducted, to advance pacification and Vietnamization.

(2) Execution: During the reporting period, ground activity was light to moderate. Normally the encountered enemy was in small groups throughout the area of operations. Enemy initiated contacts usually occurred in the vicinity of cache sites or enemy headquarters area; however, the vast majority of all contacts were friendly initiated. The general concept of operations employed during this reporting period was to keep one battalion targeted continually on the 81st RSG and its cache sites (1-7 Cav) and one battalion targeted on Hqs, SR-5 and the associated exfiltration/infiltration routes from western War Zone "D" (2-7 Cav). The remaining battalion focused its efforts on the seasonal rice denial operations of Dinh Quan District and later the Hqs and operational elements of the J-95 (logistical unit). Later when the Brigade received a fourth battalion (2-12 Cav), it was used to provide the external defense for Camp Gorvad. This entailed targeting on the K1/K2 DNR battalions and various local force units.

(a) From 1-25 November the 1st Brigade with 1-7 Cav, 2-7 Cav, and 1-12 Cav conducted operations in War Zone "D." The mission was directed against Headquarters SR-5, 81st RSG and its cache sites, and the interdiction of enemy infiltration/exfiltration routes in War Zone "D."

(b) From 26 November - 13 January, the 1st Brigade with the 1-7 Cav, 2-7 Cav, and 1-12 Cav conducted operations in War Zone "D" and southern Long Khanh Province. The mission was directed against Headquarters of SR-5, the 81st RSG and its cache sites, infiltration/exfiltration routes in War Zone "D," and operations to support GVN pacification and rice denial programs in

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southern Long Khanh Province. During this period the 1st Brigade Combat Advisory Team was placed OPCON to 1-12 Cav to assist in combined operations consisting of eagle flights, and mobile check points in southern Long Khanh Province (Dinh Quan District).

(c) From 14 January - 6 February, the 1st Brigade with the 1-7 Cav, 2-7 Cav, and 1-12 Cav continued operations in War Zone "D" against SR-5 and the 81st RSG and conducted operations along MR2/MR3 boundary targeted on J-95 Headquarters (previously the 84th RSG) and associated units while supporting PF training in MR-3. To accomplish the PF training mission in MR-3, D Co (-), 2-7 Cav was placed OPCON to Divarty and 1st Brigade received OPCON C Co, 1-5 Cav and B Co, 1-27 Inf, 25th Inf Div. The PF training units conducted operations in Bien Hoa and Gia Dinh Provinces.

(d) During the period 7 February through 4 March, the 1st Brigade with the 1-7 Cav, 2-7 Cav, 1-12 Cav and 2-12 Cav continued operations in War Zone "D" and northern Long Khanh Province, conducted operations in southern Phuoc Long and northern Binh Duong Provinces, continued training of territorial forces and assumed the mission of defending Camp Corvud and GVN installations in the Phuoc Vinh area from rocket/mortar attack.

(3) Discussion and Analysis of Significant Events:

(a) Contacts during the month of November:

1 011418 - YT 425628, 1/D/1-7 Cav: G/R (Ground Recon) rec S/A (small arms) and B-40 fire from 75-100m to the south. Eng/Org (Engaged with Organics) AFA, arty, and A/S (Airstrike). Contact broke 1500 W/En evading in unk direction, resulting in 6 US WIA, 1 RCS KIA. Search of area find 1 NVA KIA and 2 AK-47's captured.

2 011739 - YT 420681, 2/D/1-7 Cav: While setting up AA (Automatic Ambush) obs 1 ind 50m to the E, eng/org, rec neg return fire, resulting in 1 NVA KIA, captured; 1 AK-47, 1 pack, 1 civilian radio, 1 full AK-47 magazine, 1 lb of documents, and 1 cooking pot.

3 010930 - YT 501662, 1/B/1-12 Cav: While checking area where Bn CO reported seeing 1 ind waving white flag at 1030 hrs, detained 4 ind in Lkr complex. Inds had 1 CRC, 1 K-44 Rifle and 4 packs. Individuals were taken to FSB Ares and classified as Loi Chamhs.

4 041650 - FSB GREEN: Obs 5 ind 35m to N of position, eng/org, rec S/A fire in rtn, Eng/Pink Team, AFA, contact broke 1700 hrs resulting in neg fr cas, 1 VC KIA. Captured 1 AK-47, 2 AK-47 magazines (1 full), 1 lb of med supplies. Also found 1 blood trail leading to the N.

5 051005 - FSB GREEN: Obs and eng 5 inds w/org, rec S/A fire in rtn, contact broke 1013 hrs, resulting in neg fr cas, 2 NVA KIA. Captured were 2 AK-47's, 1 NVA pack. Search of contact area find 1 hvy blood trl leading to empty demo bag, bringing total to 3 NVA KIA.

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6 051015 - YT 158468, 2/D/2-7 Cav: Obs 2 ind on a 12" E-W trl, eng/org, rec S/A in rtn, contact broke 1020 hrs W/1 ind evading to the W. Results: Neg fr cas, 1 NVA KIA. Captured 1 AK-47, 4 magazines, 90 S/A rds.

7 090950 - YT 468682, 1/12 Cav: While flying in CC bird obs approx 30 inds. 091650 - YT 468682, B/1-12 Cav: Evacuated 41 detainees to FSB ARES, 22 children, 9 men, 10 women, and 1 dog.

8 101325 - YT 430686, E(R)/1-12 Cav: While moving W on trl obs 2 ind approx 20m away across stream, rec B-40, CC grenade and S/A fire. Eng/org, arty, AFA, A/S. Contact broke at 1345H with EN evading in unk direction. Resulting in 3 US WIA, unk EN assessments. It was estimated EN had 1 .30 cal MG., RPG's and approx 20-30 inds.

9 122110 - FSB PERSHING, 2/B/2-7 Cav: Triggered ambush on 6 inds. Eng/Clymore Mines, org, rec S/A fire in rtn. Contact broke at 2100 resulting in 2 VC KIA, 1 US WIA.

10 122300 - FSB PERSHING, 2/B/2-7 Cav: While being resupplied rec S/A fire from 2 directions. Log Bird rec 2 hits but remained flyable. Eng/org Nighthawk, AFA, and Shadow, resulting in 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA. Nighthawk obs and ong 1 ind at 130150, resulting in 1 NVA KBH. Rec sporadic firing from woodline until 130450.

11 134800 - FSB PERSHING, 2/B/2-7 Cav: After A/S at first light, check of area revealed 3 NVA KIA, 1 NVA KBH. (2 previously reported as 2 VC KIA, also captured 2 AK-47s, 2 AK-47 magazines and 60 S/A rds, 1 pack containing C-rations which had been picked up on the fire base and some personal clothing.

12 131830 - YT 3000449, B/2-7 Cav: Had AA detonate 120m SSE of NDP Pink Team: obs 1 ind hit by AA but still alive, eng/org resulting in 1 VC KBH.

13 131045 - YT 432693, B/1-12 Cav: G/R rec S/A fire and B-40 fire, eng/org, Arty, A/S, AFA. Contact broke 1050H resulting in 1 US WIA, neg en assessment.

14 161455 - YT 295427, B/2-7 Cav: Rec fire from USEF, eng/org, contact broke immediately resulting in neg fr cas. Check of area fnd; 1 NVA KIA and 2 hvy blood trls. Followed blood trls resulting in 1 NVA WIA captured. 2 AK-47's, 3 AK-47 magazines, 60 rds S/A, 20 lbs corn, 20 lbs rice, 1 lb documents, 1 pith helmet, 8 B-40 boosters, 2 flashlights, 1 US poncho, 9 empty ammo boxes were captured.

15 220955 - YT 153427, TEAM # 55/H/75th Rangers: Obs 2-3 inds picking over old US log site approx 25m away eng/org, rec S/A fire in rtn, contact

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broke immediately when enemy evaded in unk direction. Check of area revealed 1 hvy blood trl, 1 AK-47 and 1 full AK-47 mag captured. Credit 1 NVA KIA. Team extracted to FSB ANDRE 1040H.

16 251410 - FSB DURALL, 3/C/1-7 Cav: Stay behind ambush obs an unk number of ind to their SE, eng/org and command detonated claymore mines. Neg rtn fire, inds evaded to the SE. Check of area fnd 2 VC KIA, 2 AK-47's, 6 full AK-47 magazines, 1 wallet and a small amount of documents captured.

17 271815 - YT 312812, 1/C/1-7 Cav: Had AA detonate, check of area fnd 2 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, and 1 lb of documents captured. First light check to be conducted.

18 291730 - YT 302790, C/1-7 Cav: Had AA detonate 400m away resulting in 4 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47's captured.

19 301115 - YT 299794, 4/C/1-7 Cav: While in ambush position obs 5 inds moving towards position eng/claymore mines, org. Rec S/A fire in rtn. Had AA detonate 50m to the N and requested A/S. At 1130H obs and eng 7 inds w/org, rec S/A fire in rtn, contact broke at 1144H when EN evaded to the SE. Resulting in neg fr cas. Check of contact area fnd 2 VC KIA/S.

(b) Contacts during the month of December.

1 011155 - YT 304784, C/1-7 Cav: While inspecting some huts and bkrs rec S/A fire from an estimated 8-10 inds in complex, eng/org, Arty, APL. Contact broke 1210H, resulting in 1 US KIA, 4 US WIA, negative EN assessment.

2 040915 - YT 218677, 4/2-7 Cav: While following NW-SE trl fnd empty sleeping positions. Continuing, they came across 10-15 inds in other sleeping positions. Got on line and eng/org from approx 15m. Contact broke immediately with onorg evading, resulting in 5 NVA KIA, 4 AK-47's, 2 K-54 pistols captured, negative friendly casualties. Search of area fnd 2 hvy blood trls and several light blood trls. 220 lbs of rice destroyed.

3 051345 - YT 315807, G/R obs and eng 1 ind coming down trl from the N. Rec neg rtn fire, resulting in 1 VC KIA, and captured 1 CC grenade.

4 051545 - FSB ARES, E(R)/1-12 Cav: Initiated stay behind ambush. Obs 8 inds, eng/org, rec neg rtn fire. Resulting in 1 VC KIA, 1 VC PW, 1 SKS and 1 Springfield captured.

5 061417 FSB CONNEL, 3/D/1-7 Cav: Stay behind ambush obs 3 inds approaching from south water point. At approx 50m ind obs OPA and eng/org, OPA rtn fire. Contact broke immediately when ind evaded to the S, resulting in 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47 captured.

6 061320 - YT 544499, 3/D/1-12 Cav: Fnd small cache in bkr: 30 60 mtr

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rds, 20 S2 mtr rds, 8 B-40 rds. All rds were in usable condition but with no fuses, had been in place approx 8 months, bkr was approx 1 yr old.

7 091615 - FSB CORNEL, 3/D/1-7 Cav: Obs 3 inds coming from the woodline to the S approx 75m away. Inds eng/B-40, and automatic weapons fire. Eng/org, contact broke immediately when inds evaded in an unk direction. Resulting in neg fr cas, 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 CC grenade, 4 AK-47 magazines, 120 AK-47 rds captured.

8 091010 - YT 654386, 3/C/1-12 Cav: Obs 3 ind approx 75m to the S on log site trl. Inds dressed in grey clothing, except one wore red shorts. 1 Ind was obs to be carrying AK-47. Eng/org, rec S/A fire in rtn, contact broke at 1015H resulting in 3 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 30 AK-47 rds, 3 1/2 lbs documents, 1 NVA helmet, 1 hammock, clothing and personal items captured.

9 101105 - YT 159455, B/2-7 Cav: Had AA detonate 100m to SE, resulting in 1 VC KIA, 1 NVA KIA, 2 AK-47s captured. Also heard chopping sound to the SE. Moved toward chopping sounds and at 1127H eng an estimated 3-5 inds, rec S/A fire in rtn, eng/Arty, AFA. C/B (Contact Broke) at 1200H when EN evaded in an unk direction, resulting in neg fr cas, unk EN assessment.

10 111545 - YT 353834, 1/A/1-7 Cav: Obs 3 ind eng/org resulting in 1 VC KIA. Village Chief tried to get other to Chieu Hoi but ind evaded. Area had 8' hols (10x20) inside one ind 1 AK-47 w/5 full magazines and 1 lb of documents.

11 111358 - YT 352772, 3/C/1-7 Cav: Obs 4 VC in garden plot 500m SE. Eng org resulting 3 VC KIA and 1 Detainee. 1 US M-1 Carbine captured.

12 111100 - YT 159441, 4/B/2-7 Cav: Rec'd 5 rds of S/A fire 75m to N. Eng/org, gunships. EN evaded in an unk direction. Results: 1 NVA KIA, captured 1 AK-47, 1 ChiCom grenade, 1 82mm rd. EN was wearing green uniform.

13 121245 - YT 158452, B/2-7 Cav: G/R moving S on N-S trl eng USEF 4 ft away resulting in 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 optd, 1 ID card optd. Rec neg rtn fire.

14 131840 - YT 160452, A/2-7 Cav: While in FDP had AA det resulting in 2 EN KIA and 2 AK-47s optd. Both had ammo pouches (5 full AK magazines).

15 161328 - YT 160454, 3/A/2-7 Cav: Had AA det 35m SE of lbc resulting in 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 optd, 3 lbs of unpolished rice, cooking utensils and 1/2 lb of documents.

16 170955 - YT 154462, A/2-7 Cav: Had AA det. Check of area revealed 2 VC KIA. They were moving S on 6" N-S trl. 2 AK-47s were captured w/2 full magazines.

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17 181530 - YT 175455, C/2-7 Cav: Obs and eng 3 inds 75m NE. C/B w/neg rtn fire resulting in 1 NVA KIA, 1 NVA PW. Cpt'd 1 AK-47 and 1 AK bandolier. Initial interrogation finds that PW is member of C-514 Co and was on food carrying mission.

18 201300 - YT 272780, 4/5/1-7 Cav: G/R moving parallel to NE-SW trl rec MG and S/A fire from USEF. Contact initiated by command dot CC claymore. Eng/org, Arty. C/B at 1320 hrs resulting in 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA w/unk EN losses. EN evaded N.

19 200735 - YT 157458, A/2-7 Cav: Had M. dot resulting in 4 VC KIA, 2 AK-47s capt, 1 K-54 pistol, 2 AK magazines full, 2 pistol magazines full. Woman KIA believed to be nurse, aid bag w/medical equipment capt (5 lbs).

20 202130 - YT 182457, 1/C/2-7 Cav: Heard movement to NE of NDP eng/Arty, at 2315H sent out patrol 50m, find 1 VC WIA. Tried to get to Chieu Hoi - would not. Eng/org resulting 1 VC KIA (female). 30m from this loc heard moaning, tried to get to Chieu Hoi again. Refused, eng/org resulting in 1 VC KIA. Further on find another - eng/org resulting in 1 VC KIA. Total 3 VC KIA.

21 210625 - YT 182457, 1/C/2-7 Cav: FLC of engagement previous night fd 3 NVA KIA. 1 wearing black PJs 1 wearing black trousers, 1 in green fatigues. Credit 2 KIA and 1 KB Arty.

22 221420 - YT 411692, 3/C/1-7 Cav: G/R obs 3 VC 30m NE; 1 male and 2 females. Eng/org and rec S/A fire in rtn. C/B 1440 hrs w/EN evaded W. Resulting 1 VC KIA and 1 AK-47 captured w/full magazine.

23 261500 - YT 143648, B/3-17 Cav: Obs 1 ind working in garden plot. Eng/org, resulting in 1 VC KBH.

24 311050 - YT 162468, B/2-7 Cav: Had AA detonate w/the result of 2 NVA KIA. 1 AK-47, 3 AK-47 mags, 2 lbs of medical supplies and 3 lbs of documents and 20 lbs of rice were captured.

(c) Contacts during the month of January.

1 011110 - YT 430778, A/1-7 Cav: While in a defensive position obs 2 VC 20m away from their location and coming to them. Eng/org and rec neg rtn fire. Resulting in 1 VC KIA and 1 SKS captured w/28 S/A rds. Also find 800 lbs of unhusked rice in a hut approx 150m away.

2 020900 - YT 285814, B/1-7 Cav: G/R had 32 inds rally to them. There were 9 adults and 23 children. Inds were taken to Song Be for interrogation.

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3 040930 - YT 345303, TEAM 69/75th Rangers: In DAP obs and eng/org 5 inds 15m NE moving W on 6' E-W trl and rec neg rtn fire. Resulting in 4 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 captured w/1 mag containing 30Rds.

4 071010 - YT 618466, E(R)/1-12 Cav: G/R obs 2 inds approaching them, they eng/org. C/B at 1017H. A search of the area revealed 2 VC KIA, 1 AK-47 and 1 M-16 captured. Final results of contact, neg fr cas, and 2 VC KIA.

5 070925 - YT 278337, TM 71/75th Rangers: TM monitoring a trl had 4 inds moving E on trl, wearing black clothing, carrying 2 AK-47's, 1 AK-50, 1 B-40 w/rkt launcher, at 0925H TM initiated contact. TM took S/A fire in return, C/B 0935 after initial contact resulted in 4 EN KIA, 1 AK-50, 2 AK-47's and 1 B-40 w/rkt launcher, and ruck sacks. Ruck sacks contained 10,825 piasters, 1 lb medical equipment, 5 personal letters along with other misc items.

6 081220 - YT 353325, 3/B/2-7 Cav: G/R eng 1 VC w/org, ind evaded 50m to SW. Rec rtn fire from 4-6 inds. Results: 2 WIA (FR), 1 KCS KIA, later fd 1 VC KIA, 2 AK-47, 1 SKS, EN evaded SE, G/R also fd 2 hvy blood trls to N. 5 Bkrs (6x8) 2' OHC, 2 kitchens, 100 sleeping positions. RU L/36-72 hrs. Fd 2 CC grenades, 4 ruck sacks, 30 lbs corn, 15 lbs rice, 10 lbs salt, 40 lbs clothing, 8 82mm rds and 1 lb documents.

7 101214 - YT 345327, 3/B/2-7 Cav: Eng/org 1 ind 30m to W, ind evaded to W. Followed his trail and found 1 VC KIA.

8 101650 - YT 658507, 1/B/1-12 Cav: G/R established contact with USEF, eng/org 25m away, a check of the area revealed 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 5 AK-47 mags (loaded). Contact broke at 1705 hrs.

9 121645 - YT 352318, B/2-7 Cav: 200m N of NDP had Automatic Ambush go off on 18" N-S HP trl. Fnd 1 VC KIA, ind was wearing green clothing, HCM sandals, also fnd 4 AK-47 rds in his pockets.

10 151445 - YT 285815 E(R)/1-7 Cav: G/R had 114 ralliers from Soc Bu Nho Village, Phuoc Long Province. They stated they rallied because of daily Arty in or around their village, no food, and were afraid of the VC who visited their village. Their Village Chief's name is Gia Ren who they haven't seen for the past 5 days. The ralliers had PYSOPS leaflets with them. The current leader of the Ralliers is Dieu Tieng. Total: 37 females/19 males/58 children.

11 151340 - YT 688585, 2/C/1-12 Cav: G/R while conducting sweep of bkr complex eng/org/Arty/AFA 8-10 ind 30-35m to the W. Rec 2 B-40 rnds and S/A fire in rtn. Fired 60 rnds HE delay and had secondary explosion w/smoke rising 2000'. Results: Rec neg EN assessment, 5 US WIA.

12 161435 - YT 130425, 4/C/2-7 Cav: G/R fnd 20 60mm rds, 7 B-40 rkts, 200 vials of clear liquid (5 lbs), 2 AK mag w/40 rds S/A, 7 M-16

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clips w/1-5 S/A rds, 11 CC grenades, 15 CC booby traps, 2 CC claymores, 1 flashlight, 3 machettes, 1 60mm mtr baseplate and tripod, 1 .45 cal pistol w/holster, 400 AK-47 rds, claymore wire w/clacker, 15 sheets of documents with what looked like a book. Checking out the area further revealed a cache on top of the grd covered by poncho, 1/2 lb of documents, 3 shovels, 2 picks, 4 US claymore wires, misc clothing, 20 lbs corn, 60 lbs rice. The area showed RU L/12-24H by unk no of inds.

13 180930 - FSB GREEN 2 inds walked into FSB Green (1 male, and 1 female) wearing black clothing carrying Chieu Hoi leaflets, said they were from the V-9, K-17 food production element. They had 1 SKS w/9 rds. 26 yr old male, Tran Van Phuong from Tay Ninh Province, joined the VC Feb 66, as production farmer in V-9. Female 19 yr old, born in Saigon, Thang My Tai (V), Go Vap (D), Gia Dinh (P), and was captured in 1969 by VC from vicinity YT 3973. Both inds moved to Song Be C.H. Center.

14 201145 - YT 391842, 3/A/1-7 Cav: G/R heard shot and then saw 1 ind carrying a dead monkey. Shouted for ind to stop but he didn't. Eng/org and resulted in 1 VC KIA.

15 231620 - YT 334840, 4/A/1-7 Cav: G/R heard noises and talking while advancing forward, obs 1 ind, eng/org. Check of the area revealed 1 VC KIA. Unit continued recon by fire while moving forward. Heard more noises and talking, KCS shouted towards voice for inds to Chieu Hoi and waited 5 mins, received no answer. Reconned again by fire. A search of the area revealed 4 inds KIA at the same loc. Within the contact area there were 2 VC and 2 children. Also in the area fnd 1 K-54 pistol, 1 US M-1 Carbine, 1 SKS, 6 7.62 old model CHICOM Carbine Bolt Action, 1 CC LMG, 3 small notebooks, 9 HCM sandals, 2 US pistol bolts, 1 US frag grenade, 1 AK mag w/15 AK-47 rds, 1 US map, 1 VC flag, 5 pack baskets, 4 bags w/ carrying straps, 1 US ammo pouch, 1 US canteen. Believed 9-10 inds had been in area based on weapons and material fnd in area.

16 231630 - YT 768720, 3/D/1-12 Cav: G/R eng/org/AFA/Pk Team, 2-3 inds 200m to NE. Rec S/A fire in rtn. EN evaded to NW. Check of area revealed 1 NVA KIA.

17 251255 - YT 358653, E(R)/1-7 Cav: G/R eng/org the point men of a 6 man VC force 25m to SW on a NE-SW trl 18" wde HP trl. Rec S/A fire in rtn, EN evaded to SW, C/B 1310 hrs. Results: 1 VC KIA, captured 1 AK-47. Ind was wearing blue shirt and pants, VC pistol belt and HCM sandals. Ind had 1 wallet w/picture, 1 diary dtd 1962 to present, 4 AK-47 mag (120 rds). In the area of contact fnd the following equipment believed to have been left behind by the 6 VC. 1 US flashlight w/8 oz. of documents inside, 1 sandbag w/600 rds of AK-47, 500 AK-47 rds, 3 files, 17 non-electric blasting caps, 2 lbs of documents, 60 packs of C-rations, 75 lbs of rock salt, 50 lbs of corn and misc items.

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18 251700 - YT 099411, 4/B/2-7 Cav: G/R rnd 1 bkr (3x4x5) w/3' OHC w/NRU. Inside bkr fnd 4 50' cal ammo boxes, inside ammo cans were 3 lbs of documents. 800 rds of AK-47 ammo, also fnd 1 SKS in poor condition. Documents readout from field: Dtd 1964 thru Oct 1970: Dealt primarily with quarter master property and local cadre activities. The following units are identified: Z-8, R&D, Quarter Master Elements: B-3, C-9, C-524, Current Affairs Committee: A-15 & B-6, (SR-5: AKA FK-5), K-76 Hosp, & LBN 78. 616 Military Postal Service, 4 letters of commendation, and 3 promotion certificates.

19 251725 - YT 743726, 1/D/1-12 Cav: G/R obs and eng/4 inds, rec S/A fire in rtn. C/B at 1730H resulting in 2 VC KIA. 2 inds evaded in an unk direction. Further check of the area revealed 3 AK-47 s, 3 AK-47 mags w/60 rds, 4 ruck sacks. The unit eng at 30m to the W.

20 261003 - YT 772743, 2/D/1-12 Cav: G/R eng/org 3 ind 30m to SSE, ind evaded S. Results: 1 VC KIA wearing black pants, purple shirt, VC hat and HCM sandals. Fnd 1, 500 piaster bill, 1 canteen, 1 SKS w/90 rds, 1 diploma.

21 281445 - YT 468672, 3/D/1-7 Cav: G/R fnd 1 wpnd (unk type) and 2 packs. While checking area out established contact with UNSEF from a bkr complex. Unit rec S/A, automatic and B-40. Eng/org/Arty and L/S. Results: Neg EN assessments, 4 US WIA. First MEDEVAC Bird took hvy GAF with at least 5 hits, resulting in 3 US WIA. Second MEDEVAC Bird took GAF 40m from where smoke was popped and MEDEVAC had to brk station. Ground unit continued to take sporadic sniper fire. Second L/S was put in. Third MEDEVAC took out 1 ind and the 4th MEDEVAC completed the mission. C/C while resupplying unit took GAF from snipers in the tree, C/C took 3 hits. MEDEVACs were completed at 2020 hrs. Additional casualty 1 US MIA.

(d) Contacts for the month of February.

1 011055 - YT 499731, C/1-7 Cav: G/R eng/org/Arty & AFA, 2 inds 15m to the NE. Rec S/A return fire. Search of the area fnd 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47 captured w/4 AK-47 magazines (120 S/A rds), 1 CC oil can, 5' plastic material, 2 medical bandages, 1 lb docs, 21 loose S/A rds, ind was wearing blue shirt and black pants. 1 ind evaded in unk direction.

2 011112 - YT 471744, 4/C/1-7 Cav: G/R obs and Eng/org 4 inds on SW-NE trl 18" wde. Fnd 1 hvy blood trl, followed it and fnd 1 VC KIA (F), 1 pack with freshly cooked food, bandages and nurses clothing.

3 010930 - YT 468700, 2/D/1-7 Cav: G/R heard movement 50-75m to N. Recon w/Org. A search of the area revealed 3 VC KIA, 2 SKS, and 3 packs, the packs contained no items w/intelligence value.

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4 021115 - YT 122403, 1/A/2-7 Cav: While on G/R, obs and eng/org unk no. of inds 10m to N. A search of the area revealed 1 NVA KIA, 1 K-54 pistol captured, 5 oz docs, ind was wearing green pants and shirt. A further sweep of the area fd 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 sandbag full of blank paper. While further sweeping the area obs/eng 1 ind 20m to N resulting in another 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, 5 AK-47 mags, 156 S/A rnds, was wearing brown pants and green shirt.

5 061540 - YT 247325, 4/B/2-7 Cav: G/R moving E from hwy 322 were following 2 sets of foot prints. Reconned area by fire w/Arty. Obs 1 ind 40m E and eng/org. Check of the area revealed 1 NVA KIA, 1 pack food, 1 AK-47 captured.

6 071930 - YT 948643, D/31 Engr: Had a 3/4 ton truck break down S of Phuoc Vinh. Sent maint truck out. Fixed 3/4 and started to return to Camp Gorvad. Was ambushed by est 13-15 inds. Front veh (maint) drove through, rec S/A, rear veh (3/4 ton) rec RFG and S/A. Results of 2 persons in 3/4 ton: 1 US KIA, 1 US WIA. Lead vehicle made it back to south gate. Another veh w/6 inds went back to bring in the 3/4 when they discovered the casualties. QRF 2/12 committed w/gun escort of D/1-9. Nighthawk on sta 2025 hrs. Neg EN assessment.

7 091836 - YT 500664, 1/D/1-7 Cav: G/R had hvy movement. Eng/org and obs 2 inds 20m to E. 1 ind evaded in unk direction. Rec'd auto AK-47 rtn fire. A search of the area revealed 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 2 packs, 1 pack belonged to female. Inds had a total 480 S/A rds.

8 091340 - YS 185850, 2/D/1-7 Cav: NAP spotted 5-7 VC w/AK-47s. VC tripped on AA then eng w/org. Results: 5 VC KIA, 3 AK-47, 2 K-54 captured, 4 frag grenades, undetermined amount of documents. Ind were wearing black PJs and US web gear. 2 inds evaded unk direction. Neg fr cas.

9 101730 - YT 101306, A/2-7 Cav: Had an AA detonate. A search of the area fd 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47 with other misc items having no intel value. Ind was moving S on a 18" wde N-S trl and was wearing a green T-shirt and green shorts.

10 110835 - YT 100299, A/2-7 Cav: 3A went to check out detonation of AA. They came under hvy contact w/25-30 VC. Eng/org/AFA/Pk Tm/A/S. Rec hvy S/A fire, auto AK fire, 1 B-40 and CC hand grenades. C/B 0856, contact resumed 0900 hrs. C/B again 0940. B/3-17 Blues inserted 0955 hrs. B/2-7 QRF inserted 1130 hrs. Enemy evaded S. SW, SE. A search of the area fd 4 VC KIA wearing green and brown civilian clothing, 5 lbs docs, 2 7.62mm pistols, 1 colt .45 cal pistol, 4 mag w/7.62mm rds, 2 mag w/14 .45 cal rds. 250m to N fd 1 classroom 8x8' new, 1 bkr 8x25' new and 1 trl N-S 18" wde HRU to S. Friendly casualties 5 US WIA, 1 US KIA.

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11 111600 - XT 983346, RGR TM 42, G/R heard movement at 1715H. Obs eng/org 1 ind 25m to NE. Results: 1 VC KIA

12 131405 - YT 099325, 2/A/2-7 Cav: AA detonated. On checking the area rec S/A fire from 2 inds 20m to W eng/org. A search of the area fd 2 VC KIA, 2 AK-47, 4 half-filled magazines (60 rds).

13 151405 - YT 928368, 1/B/2-12 Cav: G/R rec light S/A fire from unk: size enemy force in bkr complex. While conducting a sweep through area, detonated unk type booby trap, resulting in 2 US KIA. Later check of the area fd a US claymore wire and 4 civilian type batteries in the booby trapped area.

14 161330 - YT 163469, 3/B/2-7 Cav: AA detonated 75m to N. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 magazine loaded (30 rds). Ind was wearing yellow shirt, khaki pants, HCM sandals.

15 161310 - YT 119400, RGR TM 42: While on G/r eng/org 3 ind listening to a radio in a bkr complex, rec light S/A return fire. AFA on sta & expended. At 1430 hrs D (R) 2-7 (QRF) was inserted and swept through a way station area. There was neg indication of enemy except for 2 NVA KIA wearing green fatigues and HCM slicks. Also fd 1 AK-47, 1 AK magazine w/30 rds AK ammo, 2 ruck sacks, 5 hammocks, 2 lbs of docs, 1 pr binoculars, 150 lbs flour, 1 Russian gunners quadrant, 1 Russian aiming circle.

16 171315 - YT 106266, A/2-7 Cav: While in DAP AA detonated (100m to NW). A search of the area fd 1 NVA KIA. Rec'd S/A fire from 2 ind 20m to N who were wounded by the AA. Eng/org results: 2 Additional NVA KIA, 2 AK-47, 1 K-54 pistol w/15 rds, 2 AK magazines (60 rds), 1 cigarette case w/pills and medicine (4 oz), 1 US pistol belt, 1 pouch chewing tobacco, 1 GI first aid bandage, 1st Cav wallet (3 Oz docs), 2 US flashlights, w/batteries, 1 bag VN food (10 oz), 1 small bag rice (6 oz), 1 small bag salt (2 oz), 1 set black PJs, 2 bags smoking tobacco, 1 qt canteen (US), and 3 rucksacks..

17 181330 - YT 129393, 2/C/2-7 Cav: G/R fd 1 old NVA cache site, 1 tunnel ent 2x4' went down 20' into a room 10x10'. In the room fd 202 German Mausers bolt action 7.92mm, (1898 model). 33 CKC Russian Carbines (model 44), 1 US .45 cal grease gun. Weapons in poor condition, wood stocks beginning to rot. Metal portions still workable.

18 180945 - XT 955382, 3/C/2-12 Cav: While on G/R rec S/A fire 250m from N. Eng/org/FAC/Pk Tn. C/B 1003 when 2 enemy evaded to NE. Contact was again established at 1008 hrs and lasted for 2 minutes. 3C swept through the area and obs/eng 1 body lying on the ground. The body blew up, results: 1 US KIA and 1 NVA KIA w/fresh hair cut, wore an OD shirt and gray pants: age 16-19 yrs old. 1 RPG was captured along w/1 B-40 rd loaded in the launcher, 1 toothbrush, 1 NVA metal flag

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2x4", \$5,500 plaster, 1 clip ring used to carry smoke grenades. Unk whether or not body was booby trapped. A steel spring was fd in area.

19 191515 - YT 532656, E(R)/1-7 Cav: G/R rec command detonated CM and S/A fire (3-4 AK mag fired), results: 1 US KIA, 3 US WIA. 1530 hrs another CM went off with neg fr cas. A bkr complex was seen close by. A search of the area fd 1 US type CM wire and batteries.

20 191200 - YT 165565, 3/B/2-7 Cav: While in DAF had AA detonate 320m to N on E-W 10" wde trl. Results: 2 VC KIA, 1 AK-47 mag (30 rds), 3 packs w/various articles of clothing, toilet articles, 8 lbs flour, 2 c cacs, 1 lb medical supplies.

21 201700 - YT 129360, C/C/2-7 Cav: Took GAF while traveling at 95 knots, tree top level, (approx 4 rds AK fire fr 1 ind) UH1H with neg hits, C/C directed Arty and obs 1 VC KIA, 16 rds HE, 1 rd WP.

22 201852 - XT 944384, 2/C/2-12 Cav: G/R while in NDP rec light S/A fire 50m to W. Eng/org/AFA/Arty. C/B 1900 hrs. Results: 1 US KIA, neg enemy assessment.

23 211625 - YT 124397, 2/C/2-7 Cav: G/R (1 ind) while defecating obs, eng/org 1 VC 20m to W as he approached on a trl. Rec'd rtn fire. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 US WIA. A search of the area fd 1 AK-47, 3 AK magazines (90 rds), ind was wearing black PJs and HCM slicks.

24 211050 - YT 078414, D(R)/2-7 Cav: While on G/R obs/ong 3 ind 20m to S. Rec'd S/A rtn fire. CB 1100 hrs. Results: 2 VC KIA, 1 K-54 pistol w/1 mag (7 rds), 2 holsters, 2 AK-47s w/2 full mag (60 rds), 1 empty mag and 2 packs. In the area they fd ft prints of 4 ind and 1 hvy bleed trl. G/R fol ft prts and blood trl 100m to a bkr complex w/5 bkrs 8x10x5' w/2' OMC. In the area they obs/ong 1 ind in the bushes w/neg enemy assessment. A sweep through the bkr complex revealed a possible aid station. In the complex was the body of 1 ind (VC KIA), 1 K-54 pistol, 1 mag (6 rds), and 1 holster and 1 pack. A search of the complex and the pack revealed the following: 2 ponchos, 3 VN pistol bolts, 1 mosquito net, 3 first aid packs, 5 US canteens, 7 US canteen cups, 3 lbs doc, 1 CM clacker, 5 lbs linen, 3 prs VN shoes, 4 US flashlights, 5 VN hammocks, 1 US gas mask cover, 32 lbs rice, 3 can evaporated milk, 1 US nachette, 4 blasting caps (electrical), 1 lb sugar, 5 lbs various clothing, 7 lbs med supplies, including 15 scissors, assorted syringes and bottles of medicine.

25 221915 YT 575632, 3/A/1-7 Cav: AA detonated 800m to NE. A first light check of the area fd the following items: 5 VC KIA, 4 AK-47's, 1 M-1 Carbine, 2 bundles of piasters, oa containing \$500,000 piasters, for a total of \$1,000,005 P. In addition fd 1 bundle of US money containing 1,000 - \$50.00 bills for a total of US \$50,000.00, 5 packs, 4 wallets, 4 oz doc, 3 cig lighters, 1 US canteen cover, 2 US 1 qt canteen

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covers, 2 US canteen cups, 4 AK vests, 24 mags (720 S/A rds), 2 US pistol belts, 6-10 assorted pr pts, slicks, and black PJ's. In the packs fd: 6 hammocks, 2 brass bowls, 12 lbs unpolished rice, 2 lbs sugar, 4 NVA medals (blue, red star) 35 lbs flour, 2 US flashlights, 2 VC flashlights, and 1 US qt canteen. Also fd 1 blood trl to W. Followed w/nog results.

26 230900 - YT 416710, 3/B/1-7 Cav: G/R was eng by 2 command detonated claymores and received sporadic S/L fire. Results: 2 US KIA, 5 US WIA. 1030H were still rec S/A fire sporadically. 1045H MEDEVAC took GAF with hits to the intercom system. 1110H Log Bird took GAF with 1 hit. C/B at 1215 hrs. 3 A/S were put in. Eng/Arty, AFA on station.

27 241300 - YT 687647, C/1-12 Cav: G/R rec'd AK-47 fire from 1 ind 25m to the E. Eng/org with results of 1 blood trl. Followed blood trl to the E and fd 1 VC KIA, 1 ruck sack, 4 AK-47 mag (120 rds), 1 US pistol belt, 1 US canteen and cup with cover, 15 lbs flour, 2 lbs salt, 1 lb docs assorted, toilet articles, 40 loose AK-47 rds, 1 AK-47.

28 241720 - YT 807708, 2/D/1-12 Cav: While in DAP eng/org 3-4 ind 25m to the NW. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 9mm Sub MG, 1 lb of documents. Ind was wearing blue shirt and black pants. There was neg rtn fire.

29 270845 - YT 820739, 3/B/1-12 Cav: G/R rec'd sniper fire from 1 ind 75m to the N on the W side of a N-S 18" wde trl. Eng/org. Ind moved to the N. Results: 2 US KIA.

30 282130 - YT 105412, 2/C/2-7 Cav: While in NDP an AA detonated 100m to W. Heard moaning and groaning and eng/Arty. A patrol was sent out and fd 2 VC KIA and 1 AK-47, 1 9mm pistol.

(e) Contacts during the month of March.

1 010840 - YT 105412, 2/C/2-7 Cav: On first light check of the area where AA killed 2 VC at 2130 hrs last night fd 1 NVA wounded. Ind refused to Chieu Hoi and was eng/frag. Results: 1 NVA KIA.

2 010740 - YT 800837, E(R)/1-12 Cav: A first light check of the area where movement was eng with claymores and Arty last night fd 2 VC KIA, 2 K-44 model CC Carbines, 2 lbs polished rice.

3 020925 - YT 762715, 1/A/1-12 Cav: At 011855 March an AA detonated killing 1 VC. 1A reconned the area by fire and fd 2 NVA KIA by S/A, 2 AK-47, 11 AK mag (330 rds), 1 diary (4 oz) mentioning J-95 Hqs and K-76 hospital.

4 021930 - YT 024387, RGR TM 51: While in NAF eng/org and 1 claymore 6 ind (4 with weapons, 2 without) 25-30m to the S. Rec'd light

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S/A rtn fire and C/B 1935H. 4 enemy with weapons evaded in an unk direction. Results: 2 VC KIA, 2 packs containing documents, 1 flashlight, 60 lbs of rice, 1 first aid pack, 1 watch, 2 pr of HCM sandals, AFA and fleshship were on station.

5 031840 - XT 890424, 3/D/2-12 Cav: While in DAP obs and eng/org 1 ind 10-12m to the NE. There was neg rtn fire either time. Ind evaded to the N. Results: 1 VC WIA FW, 2 AK-47, 4 AK-47 mag (120 rds), 12 .45 cal rds.

6 041457 - YT 809723, 1/B/1-12 Cav: G/R eng/org 1 ind 2m to the W. Neg rtn fire. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 SKS, 30 rds CAC, 10 rds AK-47, 15 earthen pottery jugs 3 1/2' tall and 1 jug 2 1/2' tall.

7 051235 - YT 422696, 3/D/1-7 Cav: G/R obs and eng/org 2-4 ind 20m to the SW. Rec'd S/A rtn fire. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 3 AK-47 mags (90 rds), 1 CC grenade, 1 pack containing: 10 lbs flour, 2 pair of pants, 2 shirts, 3 blasting caps, 1 toothbrush and paste, 2 pieces of plastic, 1 US canteen and 8 strips of rubber. The other inds evaded to the E and SE.

8 051315 - XT 930315 - RGR TM 32: While on a N-S trl TM crossed an E-W trl and came around a slight bend. TM obs and eng/org 6 ind 10' to the S. There was neg rtn fire as the ind evaded to the S. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 pack containing: 1 poncho, 1 US canteen with cover, and cup, 3 lbs of med supplies, 1 US frag grenade, 1 pistol belt, 1 US pants, 1 blue shirt and 8 oz of documents. 5 minutes after the initial contact TM rec'd S/A fire from the W from 1 AK-47 and 2 M-1 Carbines. C/B immediately.

9 060830 - XT 935386, 1/B/2-7 Cav: AA detonated 500m to the SW. Results: 2 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 hvy blood trl, 2 AK mag with 46 rds, 1 CC grenade, 2 US pistol belts, 2 US canteens with covers and cups, 2 ponchos, 1 lb of medical supplies, 1 set of VN fatigues, 5 yards of new cloth, 1 rucksack, 1 first aid pack and 1 lb of documents.

10 061140 - YT 011257, 2/C/2-7 Cav: While in DAP eng/org 1 NVA 25m to the N. Results: 1 NVA KIA, 1 9mm pistol, 1 rucksack, 1 lbs of documents, miscellaneous clothing and toilet articles.

11 071145 - YT 074314, 1/A/2-7 Cav: AA detonated 400m to the NE. Results: 3 NVA KIA, 3 packs (hvy), 1 M-16, 3 AK-47, 5 AK mag (100 rds), 4 M-16 mag (50 rds), 3 US flashlights, 2 US canteens, 1 canteen cup, 3 tubes of lube oil, 2 lbs of chicken, 1 lb of raw meat, 1 lb of rice, 1 eating bowl, 1/2 lb of sugar, 1 1/2 lb of tobacco, 2 VC hammock, 2 VN flashlight batteries, 2 lbs med supplies, 1 US pistol belt, 1 US baseball cap, 1 set of green underwear, 2 VC ponchos, 1 set of HCM sandals.

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12 071840 - YT 106345, A/2-7 Cav: AA detonated 110m to the SW. Results: 3 VC/KIA, 1 M-16, 1 K-54, 2 M-16 mags (30 rds), 1 K-54 mag (8 rds), 1 small jar of white powder (6 oz), 2 civilian shirts, 1 lb of documents, 1 lb of tea and 2 pair of shorts.

13 111345 - YT 003248, C/2-7 Cav: While in DAP had an AA detonate 600m to the NW. Eng/Arty. Results: 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, 2 CC grenades, 2 AK mag (60 rds). The ind was wearing green fatigues and HCM sandals.

14 121415 - XT 936317, RGR TM 22/75th RGR: TM eng/org 1 ind 1015m to the E while in the process of setting up an ambush. The ind ong the TM with a frag grenade. Results: 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 captured and 4 mag AK-47 (120 rds).

15 131055 - YT 582622, 4/A/1-7 Cav: While taking a break on a trl heard movement to the E and set up a hasty ambush. Obs and eng/org 3 ind 50m to the E. Results: 3 VC KIA, 1 SKS, 1 AK-47, 1 pack. Contents of the pack: 15 lbs of flour, 15 lbs of rice, 4 AK mag (120 rds) 1 roll of thread, 1 NVA poncho, 10 pieces of plastic, 1 canteen cup, 2 lbs of dried fish, 5 lbs black and blue uniforms, 3 hammocks, 5 lbs of dough, 10 ink pens, 1 lb of documents.

16 141130 - YT 582622, 4/A/1-7 Cav: G/R ong/org 1 ind 25m to the SW. There was neg rtn fire. Results: 1 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 pack with: 1 pair of wool socks, 11 rds AK ammo, 1 small rice bowl, 1 parachute from illumination rd, 1 OD shirt, 1 VC poncho and 1 2 lb birthday cake. The ind was wearing blue shirt and pants and a boony hat.

17 151550 - XT 954453, BLACK LRRP TM/2-12 Cav: G/R rec'd S/A and frags from a squad sized enemy force 50m to the E. Eng/org and the enemy evaded to the E. Results: 2 US WIA, 1 VC KIA, 2 VC WIA PW, 1 M-16, 1 AK-50, 1 .45 cal pistol, 7 M-16 mag (140 rds), 1 AK mag (30 rds). There were also 2 blood trl to the E. Initial interrogation of PW's: They said that the KIA was the squad leader of the 7 man Phuoc Vinh Special Action Group responsible for the recent mortar attack in the area of Phuoc Vinh. They said there was an 82mm mortar buried in the vicinity of contact. They said they were out of mortar rds. They said their base camp is in the So Gang rubber plantation (possible coordinates XT 917455). They said their ammo comes from Phuoc Sang (V). They said they were going to Vinh Hoa (V) for rice and they referred to it as zone 111.

18 160630 - VINH HOA (V): As a result of the second cordon and search which ended at 1400 hrs there were 11 more detainees. Of the total of 12 detainees in the two actions 9 were classified innocent civilians, 1 was civil defendant, and 2 were unclassified.

19 171545 - YT 578613, 4/A/1-7 Cav: Had an AA detonate 250m to

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to the NNW. Sweep of the area revealed 1 NVA KIA and 3 sets of footprints headed to the S. The KIA was carrying a pack containing 2 lbs of documents, 3 AA bag with 86 rds and 4 green tracers, 1 canteen and cup, 1 pistol bolt, 1 jar of fish, 1 jar of yeast, 2 NVA ponchos, 5 lbs of clothing, 2 lbs of toilet articles.

20 181620 - YT 154373, 3/D/2-12 Cav: G/R tripped a beoby trap with the results of 3 US WIA. The beoby trap consisted of 1 frag with 1 stick propped up holding the frag to a tree.

21 190840 - YT 084399, E(R)/1-12 Cav: While in MDP obs (10-15) inds 150m to the N. The inds entered a bkr complex consisting of 6 bkr 5x5'. At 0952 hrs ong/ong inds in the bkrs 30m to the N. AFA, Arty, FAC and Pink Team were on station. The pink team ong 3 inds 1500m to the N resulting in 3 VC KBH. At 1055 hrs at YT 089396 an A/S was put in resulting in 1 secondary explosion.

22 201200 - YT 578613, 4/A/1-7 Cav: While again sweeping through the area of the AA detonation on 171545 Mar 71 that resulted in 1 NVA/KIA and 1 NVA helmet (very bloody), 1 part of a leg and a foot from the leg, 1 VC poncho, 3 home made knives, 1 VC machettes, and 1 M-16 ammo can containing "C" ration, coffee and cream. 4/A/1-7 Cav is credited with 1 additional NVA KIA for the AA detonation on 171545 Mar 71 as a result of the find.

d. 2d Brigade Operations:

(1) Mission: The 2d Brigade, in conjunction with the 7th ARVN Infantry Regiment, had the mission of conducting ground operations, air reconnaissance and pacification operations aimed at fixing and destroying the enemy, as well as interdicting enemy supply lines, locating enemy caches and pacifying Phuoc Long Province. The Brigade conducted combined operations with ARVN and Province Forces, supported land clearing operations in its area of operations, continued Combat Advisory Team support to territorial forces of Phuoc Long and Binh Long Provinces, continued its efforts to neutralize Base Areas 351 and 203, conducted ground operations against the K-28 and K-29 Local District Force Units, and upgraded resources control operations.

(2) Execution:

(a) During the period 1-17 November, the 2d Brigade continued operations to support the pacification and Vietnamization programs within its assigned area of operations. On 18 November the 2d Brigade conducted a combined operation in coordination with the 7th ARVN Regiment along the military boundary vic YU 170365 to YU 217410. The ARVN portion of the operation entailed employing three companies of the 7th Regiment

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in intensive reconnaissance operations which extended three kilometers into Cambodia. During this combined operation, the 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry, the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry, and the 2d Battalion, 12th Cavalry performed interdiction, blocking, and supporting operations in conjunction with the airmobile assaults. The Brigade initiated Rome Flow operations along Highway 309 utilizing the 60th Land Clearing Company with security provided by A/1-11 ACR.

(b) The 2d Brigade, during the month of December, employed the 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry against the K-28 District Force, in Base Area 203. The 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry conducted their operations in the vicinity of FSBs MARISA, NGUYEN TRAI, and DJANGO. The 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry performed the mission of interdicting enemy routes of communication and supply within their assigned AO, conducting combat operations against elements of MR 10, H-50, and the X-41 Communications/Liaison Base. The 2d Brigade prepared and upgraded contingency plans for the Duc Phong, Bunard, Dong Xoi, and Song Be areas. On 13 December the 2d Brigade increased aerial visual reconnaissance in its area of operations, with A and E Troop, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry in general support.

(c) During the period 27-31 December, Battery B, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery was moved from Duc Phong to FSB SNUFFY. The 60th Land Clearing Company, having completed its mission in the 2d Brigade AO, moved from FSB SNUFFY to Long Binh, and A Troop, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment moved to Di An and reverted to OPCON 11th ACR. The upgrading of Highway 309 continued with D/31st Engineers making an all weather road and emplacing culverts and ditches where needed.

(d) Indications on 28 January 1971 were that for the next forty-five days the enemy would attempt a major infiltration effort on the Adams and Jolley Trails leading from the Cambodian Base Area 351, through Phuoc Long Province into the heart of the 3d Military Region. The 2d Brigade intensified its operations during the period 29 January through 1 March. The operation was conducted in two phases: Phase I, 29 January through 5 February; Phase II, 6 February through 1 March. Phase I operations were conducted with maximum emphasis on aerial reconnaissance by 1-9 ACS elements, reconnaissance and surveillance by LRRP teams and Reconnaissance in Force and ambush by OPCON battalions. Phase II operations were highlighted by the redeployment of the 1st Battalion 8th Cavalry and the realignment of the 2d Brigade AO internal boundaries. Continued emphasis was placed on operations conducted by 1-9 ACS and LRRP teams. Infantry units conducted reconnaissance, reconnaissance in force and ambush operations. The upgrading of Highway 309 was completed on 15 January to permit the passage of convoys to Bu Gia Map (FSB SNUFFY).

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(e) During the period 10-24 February the 5th ARVN Division, elements of the 1st Cav Div (AM) and territorial Forces of Phuoc Long Sector executed the Dong Khoi Campaign. The objectives of the campaign were the destruction of the VC/VCI, Guerrilla/Local District Force Units, and enemy supply units. During the period of the campaign, the 2d Brigade continued operations in its assigned AO and conducted operations in support of the Dong Khoi Campaign. The 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry initiated operations targeted against infiltration units; the 86th Rear Service Group Units and K-28 District Force Units; the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry initiated operations targeted against infiltration units and the 86th Rear Service Group. On 12 February 1971, the 2d Brigade executed an Economy of Force operation to limit the mining incidents along Route 309. Sniper Teams were employed along Route 309 by the 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry and the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry. The 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery supported the operation by planning and firing at defensive targets on likely locations to impede mining activities along Route 309. On 22 February the 2d Brigade realigned its internal boundaries to facilitate and insure complete exploitation of the extensive cache site vic YU 2745, and exploited the enemy bunker complexes vic YU 6535. 2d Brigade continued employment of LRRP and 1-9 ACS elements with primary emphasis on the Adams and Jolley Trails.

(f) During the period 1-6 March, the 2d Brigade continued combat operations. Additionally the period 1-12 March 1971 found the 2d Brigade executing a disengagement of its forces from its area of operations in compliance with 1st Cav Div (AM) OPORD 183-70 Keystone Robin Charlie. On 1 March, the 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry entered standdown at Bien Hoa Army Base. On 7 March, the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry entered standdown at Bien Hoa Army Base, followed by HHC, 2d Brigade, which entered standdown at Bien Hoa Army Base on 12 March. The 2d Brigade released OPCON of its battalions upon their entry into standdown.

(g) Impact of weather or weather support on combat operations: During this reporting period combat operations were not altered or severely hampered by the effects of weather. Combat Weather Team 2, 5th Weather Group provided this Brigade with outstanding support.

(h) Use of Composite and Split Artillery Batteries: Artillery batteries were split on many occasions to provide sufficient coverage to all elements operating within the AO. This was normally done by having the battery minus remain at a battalion CP FSB, while a 3 tube section with necessary FDC equipment moved to another. Although this was not the most desirable configuration, it provided the wide coverage which was required. This was augmented upon occasion by the reinforcement of the 105 half battery by 3 tubes of 155 to form a composite battery. Again, the logistical difficulties of separating a unit made this course acceptable only where a better solution was not available.

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## (3) Discussion and Analysis of Significant Events:

## (a) Contacts during the month of November.

1 061212 - YU 502297, B/2-12 Cav: E of FSB, while in ambush position, obsr 1 ind 10m NW of loc & eng w/org. Results: 1 VC KIA, cpt'd 1 SKS rifle w/6 rds, canteen cup, and 1 new Montagnard knife. A search of the area find footprints of 2 inds moving NW.

2 061820 - YU 335306, D/5-7 Cav & THUOC LONG PRU: S of FSB SHUFFY a ground recon obsr 2 ind wearing lt grn fatigues. Eng w/org, result: 1 VC PW. PW indicated 3 other indiv were in his group (1 either killed or wounded, another was female medic). A search of the area find 1 pr TGI sandals. Ind evacuated to FSB BUTTONS.

3 111945 - YU 479219, E(R)/2-12 Cav & PRU: SSE of FSB AUDIE, a gnd recon discovered 1 bkr (undet size), also heard movement & eng/org. A search find 2 VC KIA, cpt'd 1 VC (Female PW) WIA, 1 child 44 CKC rifles, 3 SKS rifles, and 1 submachine gun (P. evac to SONG BE).

4 111000 - YT 24954, A/1-8 Cav: SE of FSB DRAGON HEAD, a gnd recon obsr 1 ind wearing grn pants w/no shirt 35m N of loc. Eng/org & obsr 3 more ind wearing grn pants w/no shirts. Eng/org, Arty, & AFA & rec S/A fire in rtn. Contact broke at 1016H when EN evaded N. Results: 1 NVA KIA, capt 1 AK-47 rifl, neg fr cas.

5 171045 - YU 475285, D/2-12 Cav: SE of FSB, a gnd recon discovered an E-W trl 1 1/2 ft wide and obs 2 ind on trl 25m S of loc. Eng/org and Arty and 1 ind evaded S. Results: Cpt'd 1 NVA WIA, and 1 AK-47 rifl w/2 full mag (60 rds). Also find 1 hvy blood trl leading S (PW seriously wounded and evac to 24th Evac Hosp Long Binh).

6 201250 - YU 178362, B/5-7 Cav: N of FSB BARRY, while in ambush position on trl, heard movement and obsr 2 ind (1 carrying SKS rifl) 100m SSW of loc. Eng/org. Resulted: 1 NVA KIA, cpt'd 30 full AK-47 mag (900 rds). KIA was wearing grn clothing, US pistol belt w/NVA canteen and US cover, plastic bag containing 1 US machete w/cover, 10 lbs rice, 1 US canteen cup, 1 oz morphine, 8 oz misc med supplies, 1 Chinese coin, 5 bracelets, 1 NVA hammock, and misc personal items.

7 301625 - YT 601999, D/1-8 Cav: A gnd recon obsr 2 ind 30m S of loc and eng/org. Results: 1 NVA KIA, cpt'd 1 SKS rifl, 1 NVA pistol belt w/2 NVA ammo pouches (24 rds SKS ammo), and 1 bag of marijuana.

8 300830 - YU 483345, C/2-12 Cav: NE of FSB, while recovering CMM, unit obsr 2 ind wearing grn clothing (1 carrying AK-47 rifl) 50m E of loc. Eng/org, mort, and Arty, and rec S/A fire. Contact broke immed when EN evaded E. A search of the contact area revealed 1 hvy blood trl. Unit followed blood trl and discovered 1 female WIA.

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(b) Contacts during the month of December:

1 040853 - YU 421272, B/2-12 Cav: SSW of FSB, a gnd recon obsr 2 ind wearing khaki shirts, fatiguo pants, and pistol belts 40m W of loc. Eng/org, Arty, AFA. Results: 1 NVA KIA, opt'd 3 ozs docs, 1 AK-47 rifl with 5 mags (150 rds), 1 US canteen, and 1 "TELEDA" watch.

2 141415 - YT 537975, C/1-8 Cav: N of FSB RASH, a gnd recon obsr 1 ind 75m NW of loc. Eng/org, arty supported. Rec S/A fire and 1 RPG rd. Contact broke ind when ind evaded NW. A search of the contact area revealed 1 blood trl. Results: 2 US WIA, unk EN losses.

3 141435 - XU 732032, C/1-8 Cav: A gnd recon obsr 3 ind wearing lein clothes 10m N of loc. Eng/org and EN evaded W. Results: 1 VC KIA, opt'd 1 AK-47 rifl in good condition, neg fr cas.

4 151645 - XU 383411, D/5-7 Cav: A gnd recon discovered 1 hut, (15x8') and obsr 1 ind leaving hut. Eng/org. Results: 1 NVA KIA. I/S hut discovered 2 AK-47 rifl, 188 B-40 rds, 100 60mm ntr rds, 8 full AK-47 rifl mag (240 rds), and other misc items.

5 151035 - YT 552866, A/1-8 Cav: SW of FSB DRAGON HEAD, a gnd recon obsr 4 ind 50m S of loc. Eng/org, Arty supported, EN evaded S. Results: 1 NVA KIA and 1 rucksack capt, I/S rucksack discovered 1 NVA poncho, 1 flashlight, 3 ozs docs, 1 transistor radio, 3 battery (C-cell), 1 hammock, 1 cigarette lighter, and 2 pr HCM sandals. Documents were promotion orders and supply lists.

6 171430 - YU 387416, D/5-7 Cav: While on gnd recon fnd laying on the ground, 24/82mm ntr rds, 500 B-40 charges, 108/82mm ntr fuses, 153/52mm ntr charges, 7 SKS rifl in good condition and 67,600 assorted AK-47 and SKS ammunition.

7 181342 - YU 383413, D/5-7 Cav: While on gnd recon fnd 551/B-40 rds, 100/82mm ntr fuses, 66/82mm m'r charges and 6/82mm ntr rds.

8 181250 - YU 400407, A/5-7 Cav: While in DAP obsr 4 ind 20 ft E of loc moving NE on trl. Eng/org, Arty, AFA, and Pink Tm supported; rec S/A fire. Contact broke 1320H when EN evaded to SW. Results: 2 VC KIA and miscellaneous items opt'd.

9 191355 - YU 383413, D/5-7 Cav: While exploiting the area of the cache site discovered on 18 December fnd 100/B-40 rds in vine racks, 197/B-40 charges laying on the gnd, 29,400 rds of S/A ammunition in tin boxes, 150 pounds of plastic explosives, 900 pounds of yellow flake explosives, 50 pounds of polished rice, 1 AK-47 rifle with 4 full AK-47 mags (120 rds), 24/75mm rds and 150 1/2 lb blocks of TNT in wooden boxes. All items were in good condition.

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10 201530 - YU 383411, D/5-7 Cav: While on gnd recon ind 225/60mm mtr rds (RR), 12/60mm mtr rds (WP), 12 primer charges and fuses in tin boxes, and 100/B-40 charges

11 221455 - YU 381412, D/5-7 Cav: NE of FSB SNUFFY, while in DAP obsr 3 VC moving toward loc. Eng EN w/CMM and org; EN evaded E. Results: 1 VC KIA (FW); capt 1 AK-47 rfl.

12 281123 - YT 550947, D/1-8 Cav: Fnd 3,500 lbs of unpolished rice, in good condition.

13 301640 - YT 553938, D/1-8 Cav: ESE of FSB RASH, a gnd recon obsr 1 ind wearing black shirt, grn pants, pistol belt and machete, and carrying SKS rfl. Eng/org. Results: 1 VC KIA, cpthd 1 SKS rfl, 1 ammo pouch, 46 rds SKS ammo and 1 piece of paper which mentioned K-29.

(c) Contacts during the month of January.

1 041150 - YU 557364, B/5-7 Cav: NE of FSB AUDIE, while in DAP obsr 2 Montagnard ind wearing US fatigue shirts and loin clothes 20m SW of loc. Eng/org, Pink Team supported; rec S/A fire. Contact broke 1155H when EN evaded ENE. Results: 1 VC KIA, neg fr cas; cpthd 1 SKS rfl w/7 rds SKS rfl ammo, 1 US CMM bag w/8 fish I/S, 1 fishing kit, 1 6" knife, and 1 letter.

2 041620 - YT 461923, E(R)/1-8 Cav: SW of FSB RASH, a gnd recon obsr 6 indiv 40m W of loc. Eng/org and rec S/A fire. Contact broke immediately when EN evaded NW. Results: 1 US WIA, 1 VC KIA (ind wearing pink shirt and khaki pants), neg fr cas; cpthd 1 AK-47 rfl w/3 full AK-47 rfl mags (90 rds), 1 US pistol belt, and 1 US canteen.

3 061030 - YT 669984, B/1-8 Cav: NW of FSB DRAGONHEAD, a gnd recon established contact w/estimated EN plat 30 - 100m S of loc; rec S/A and 10-12 rds B-40 fire, eng/org, Arty, AFA, FAC, and A/S. Contact broke 1115H when EN evaded SW. A search of the area revealed 5 VC KIA (wearing mixed grn and black clothing), blood trls in all direction, 14 spider holes, and 1 platform 3x3 ft, 3 ft off gnd. There were 2 US WIA.

4 071540 - YU 507284, A/5-7 Cav: While moving to search area rec S/A and auto weapon fire from USEF approx 50m from loc. Eng/org; Arty, AFA, and Pink Tm supported. Contact broke immediately. Results: 2 US KIA, 1 US WIA, unk EN losses.

5 071830 - YU 507284, A/5-7 Cav: Continuing to search area rec auto weapon fire from USEF. Eng/org, Arty, AFA, Pink Tm, and Flareship supported. Results: 1 US KIA, unk EN losses.

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6 110924 - YU 298488, A/2-12 Cav: NNW of FSB SNUFFY, a gnd recon rec S/A fire from 2 ind 100m W and 2 ind 100m SW of loc. Eng/org, AFA and Arty supported. C/B at 0950H when EN evaded to SE. Results: 2 US WIA, unk EN losses.

7 161625 - YT 623886, A/1-8 Cav: SW of FSB DRAGON HEAD, a gnd recon obsr 2 ind 800m NE of loc. Eng/org, Arty supported. A search of area revealed 1 VC KIA and 1 VC KB Arty.

8 171355 - YT 529928, B/1-8 Cav: SW of FSB RASH, a gnd recon in response to a RED HAZE readout obsr 3 ind 20M SW of loc. Eng/org and EN evaded to NW and SW. A search of contact area revealed 1 VC KIA (KIA wearing blk clothing), 1 SKS rifl, 1 rucksack and a hvy blood trail. I/S rucksack discovered: 1 Machete, 1 CMM bag, 1 VC poncho, 1 NVA canteen, several cans of C-rations and 5 rds 7.62mm rifl ammo. Unit w/Tracker Tm followed hvy blood trl and discovered an additional VC KIA (KIA wearing grn clothing). Also discovered 1 can of tuna, 7 C-ration packs of coffee, 10 oz marijuana and 4 oz docs, (docs was an award from Village Chief of Village 3, K-29 to DIEN DAY for killing 10 US, dated 15 Nov 70 and signed by HUYNH VM THIEN).

9 171620 - YT 478863, D/1-8 Cav: While on gnd recon fnd a structure containing 2 1/2 tons of unpolished rice in excellent condition.

10 180920 - YT 479862, D/1-8 Cav: Fnd a structure containing 5,000 lbs of unpolished rice in good condition.

11 181025 - YU 270452, E(R)/5-7 Cav: NNW of FSB SNUFFY, a gnd recon obsr 1 ind 20m SW of loc. Eng/org, AFA and Pink Tm supported, rec S/A fire. C/B at 1045H. Results: 2 US WIA, 1 VC KIA (KIA was wearing a US T-shirt, blk shorts, grey pants and US web gear w/canteen and bayonet). Also discovered 1 AK-47 rifl w/empty mag, 2 full AK-47 rifl mags (60 rds), and 6 ozs docs (docs identify: KIA as HA VAN KAM, unit: C-5, H-50). During the contact aircraft in support rec 2 rds S/A fire (no hits).

12 201703 - YT 693994, B/1-8 Cav: A gnd recon obs 1 ind mov N on a N-S trl 20m S of loc. Eng/org and rec S/A fire. C/B immediately. Results: 1 NVA KIA, neg fr cas. KIA was wearing blue shirt, grn pants and an NVA pistol belt w/1 NVA canteen. Also ept'd 1 AK-47 mag w/18 rds of ammo.

13 211145 - YU 208365, D/5-7 Cav: W of FSB SNUFFY, a gnd recon obs 3 ind 20m W of loc. Eng/org. C/B immediately when 2 ind evaded to W. Results: 1 NVA KIA; opt'd 1 AK-47 rifl and 3 full AK-47 rifl mag (90 rds)).

14 221625 - YU 523287, B/5-7 Cav: E of FSB AUDIE, while in DAP obsr 2 ind 30m NW of loc. Eng w/2 CM and 1 ind evaded to SE. Results: 1 VC KIA.

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## (d) Contacts during the month of February:

1 021200 - YT 557969, D/1-8 Cav: W of FSB DRAGON HEAD, a gnd recon obsr 1 ind 30m E of loc and eng/org. Results: 1 VC KIA (KIA wearing blk PJs); cpt'd 1 CKC rfl w/grenade launcher, 3" Crimped 7.62mm cartridges and 1/7.62mm rfl rd.

2 060923 - YU 175358, E(R)/1-8 Cav: NW of FSB BETTY, a gnd recon obsr 2-3 ind 220m W of loc. Eng/org, AFA supported. Rec S/A and 11 rds of RPG fire when EN evaded to NW. Results: 1 VC KIA, cpt'd 1 AK-47 rfl (excellent condition), 4 full AK-47 mags (120 rds), 1 CHICOM grenade, 1 rfl cleaning kit, 1 US canteen cup, and 2 oz of med supplies. Neg fr cas.

3 150955 - YU 275450, C/1-8 Cav: Fnd a cache site, which was further exploited by other elements of the battalion. The final inventory of items fnd at the cache site included: 47/.51 cal rds, 118,140/7.62mm rds, numerous 82mm mtr propellant charges and fuses, 200 lbs of medical supplies, 3 tons of rice, 1200 lbs of salt, 2,500 lbs of corn and 2 ind weapons.

## e. 3d Brigade Operations:

(1) Mission: During the reporting period, the missions for 3d Brigade were many, with the primary mission being destruction of the 33d NVA Regiment. Other major missions included targeting HQ, MR-7 and enemy local force elements within the AO. On 24 March, as the 1st Brigade, 1st Cav Div (AM), completed standdown, the 3d Brigade assumed the additional missions of targeting HQ, SR-5, and the 81st Rear Service Group in War Zone "D." Also on 24 March, the responsibility for defense of Camp Gorvad was assigned to 3d Brigade.

(2) Execution: During the reporting period, operations can best be separated into two periods: the first from 1 November 1970 to 24 March 1971 when the 3d Brigade operated primarily in Binh Tuy Province with three airmobile battalions and one armored cavalry squadron; the second period from 24 March 1971 to 10 April 1971 when the Brigade assumed OPCON of three additional airmobile battalions and the responsibility for the old 1st Brigade and Camp Gorvad AO's.

## (a) Period I (1 November 1970 - 24 March 1971).

1 During this period of almost five months, the 3d Brigade operated in virtually all areas of the assigned AO, with the exception of the Northeastern section and the extreme Southwestern section of the AO. Operations were conducted utilizing the 1-5 Cav, 2-5 Cav, 2-8 Cav and 2-11 ACR as principle maneuver elements. During all operations, emphasis was placed on small unit tactics, with individual companies breaking down to platoon, squad and sometimes half-squad size units. The enemy continued

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to travel in 02-05 man elements and continued to avoid contact with U.S. units. Activity remained light, with only a few exceptions, during the entire reporting period.

2 There were many different types of operations conducted during the reporting period. These varied from widely separated ground reconnaissance by individual battalions to concentrated efforts by all four battalions massing in one area. One significant operation was called the "Rice Denial Program". Beginning in late November, two battalions, the 1-5 Cav and 2-5 Cav, were employed in the area of the Vo Dat - Thanh Linh "Rice Bowl". The U.S. units operated on the fringes of the "Rice Bowl" and RF-PF Units operated within the "Rice Bowl" itself. The objective was to deny the rice produced in the "Rice Bowl" to the enemy. In the past this area had been an extremely good source of food. However, the success of the "Rice Denial Program" was unquestioned. The enemy managed to take some rice out of the area, but for the first time in many years, the villagers in the "Rice Bowl" area had sufficient food for themselves and had excess rice to sell in Saigon.

(b) Period II (24 March 1971 - 10 April 1971):

1 With the standdown of the 1st Brigade, more responsibility fell to the 3d Brigade. Concurrently with the addition of these battalions to the Task Organization, the 3d Brigade assumed the 1st Brigade's former AO, thereby increasing the 3d Brigade's AO to include virtually all of Long Khanh Province in addition to Binh Tuy Province.

2 There was no significant change in operations with the assumption of control over the new units and AO. The 1-7 Cav, 1-12 Cav, and 2-12 Cav continued operations in southern War Zone "D", and the 2-5 Cav, 2-8 Cav and 2-11 ACR continued operations in Binh Tuy Province. The 1-5 Cav began standdown on 19 March and was passed OPCON from 3d Brigade at that time. On 27 March 1971, the 2-12 Cav began standdown operations, reducing the Task Organization to four airmobile battalions and one armored cavalry squadron. On 10 April 1971, the 3d Brigade was redesignated as a separate brigade and passed OPCON to II Field Force.

(2) General:

(a) Vietnamization Program: Throughout all operations during the reporting period, emphasis was increasingly placed on the Vietnamization Program. Combined and coordinated operations were conducted periodically with GVN Forces. Training programs were conducted by both CAT-MTT teams and line companies. Response by the GVN Forces showed that they were becoming increasingly capable of conducting their own operations.

(b) Population/Resources Control: Continued emphasis was placed on this program in an effort to disrupt and disorganize the Shadow Supply System, operating primarily along Route QL#1. Mobile checkpoints and Eagle Flights were the primary means of checking the daily traffic on QL#1 in an effort to curtail enemy transshipment of supplies. No definite

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success can be claimed in this program, but it is felt that the Shadow Supply System was hampered by this operation.

## (4) Discussion and Analysis of Significant Events:

### (a) Contacts during the month of November:

1 On 1 November, the 2-5 Cav closed FSB Silver and began construction of FSB Cheyenne (YT926536). The 2-5 Cav began operations in the Northern portion of the Brigade AO. The period 1-6 November was one of negligible activity. At 051530/AN 767475, B/1-9 Cav observed and engaged 3 individuals while on VR resulting in 3 enemy KBH. While conducting VR in the same area on 6 November, B/1-9 Cav received 8 rounds of S/A fire with negative hits. Area was engaged with negative enemy assessment.

2 A total of two significant events were reported during the period 7-8 November. At 071815/YT 659032 F Troop/2-11 ACR reported an automatic ambush detonation resulting in 3 VC MIA and 1 AK-47 cpltd. On VR, B/1-9 observed and engaged 2 individuals near a bunker complex resulting in 2 VC NVA KBH.

3 The period 9-13 November was one of very light activity. At 091500/YT 656025 F Troop/2-11 ACR reported an automatic ambush detonation resulting in 2 VC KIA. At 101350/YT 117462 while on VR, B/1-9 Cav observed and engaged 1 individual resulting in 1 KBH.

4 The period 14-15 November was one of light activity. On 14 November a series of automatic ambushes emplaced by F Troop/2-11 ACR detonated resulting in 5 VC KIA. B/1-9 Cav made one sighting at 151745/YT 973387 resulting in 1 KBH.

5 At 161145/YT 856523 B/2-5 Cav observed and engaged 1 individual resulting in 1 NVA KIA. An automatic ambush detonation was reported by F Troop/2-11 ACR resulting in 01 VC KIA.

6 The period 17-18 November was one of light contact. At 171445/YT 674947 LRRP Team 75 observed and engaged 1 individual resulting in 01 VC KIA. At 181120/YT 746122 1/D/2-8 Cav observed and engaged 5-8 individuals. Enemy returned fire with 10-15 rounds AK-47 fire resulting in 1 US WIA. Negative enemy assessment. At 181545/YT 675041 F Troop/2-11 ACR reported 5 VC KIAs resulting from an automatic ambush detonation.

7 The period 19-27 November was one of very light activity with a total of 10 fleeting contacts with 1-3 individuals resulting in negative friendly casualties and 1 AK-47 cpltd. Two instances of ground-air fire were reported resulting in light damage to a LCH from B/1-9 Cav. Negative friendly casualties. On 21 November, 2-5 Cav conducted retrograde of FSB Cheyenne and opened FSB Peggy, vicinity YT 860330, beginning operations in the northern "Rice Bowl".



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8 On 28 November, activity increased somewhat. At 280930/YT 768224, C/2-5 Cav made contact with 03 individuals. While sweeping the area, C Company received heavy small arms and D-40 fire. Artillery, AFA and air strikes supported the contact. Results: 3 NVA KIA 3 US WIA. While supporting the contact, a B/3-17 LCH received ground-air fire on two occasions resulting in minor damage to the aircraft. The 2-5 Cav command and control helicopter also received ground-air fire resulting in 1 US WIA.

9 At approximately 291550, the 3d Brigade LNO at Ham Tan reported that an RF convoy had been ambushed at YS 068849. 3d Brigade supported the contact with AFA and Pink teams. During the contact with an estimated NVA Company the supporting aircraft of C/2-20 AFA and B/3-17 Cav received ground-air fire on five occasions, one of which was .51 cal. Results of the contact were 8 NVA KHI and minor damage to a LCH from B/3-17 Cav.

10 At 301530/YT 752078 D/2-8 Cav observed and engaged 3 individuals resulting in 1 VC WIA POW.

(b) Contacts during the month of December:

1 The period 1-5 December was one of light activity, characterized by seven fleeting contacts with 1- 3 individuals. There was no enemy assessment from the contacts and 1 US was slightly wounded. A ground-air fire at 041530/AN 764425 resulted in 1 US KIA and light damage to the aircraft. At 051130/YT 655032, an M-551 from F Troop/2-11 ACR detonated an anti-tank mine resulting in severe damage to the M-551 and 1 US WIA.

2 At 061715/YT 694094, IRRP Team 51 moved into a bunker complex and began receiving heavy small arms fire. The B/1-9 Cav Aerial Rifle Platoon (Blues) was inserted in support at 061715. Sporadic contact continued until approximately 1800 hours, resulting in 3 US WIA. Negative enemy assessment. At 061000/YT 837447, E RCN/2-8 Cav spotted and engaged 2 individuals resulting in 2 VC KIA.

3 On 7 December, the 1-5 Cav concluded operations in AO Chief and passed OPCON to 3d Brigade at 1710 hours. The 1-5 Cav opened FSB Apache (YT 730245) in conjunction with the 3d Brigade's "Rice Denial Operation". At 070930/YT 891201, an APC from G Troop/2-11 ACR detonated a mine resulting in 04 US WIA and loss of the vehicle. Also, there were 2 incidents of ground-air fire during the day with negative damage to the aircraft involved.

4 The period 8-10 December was one of light activity. There were a total of five ground contacts with 1- 3 individuals resulting in 3

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VC KIA and negative friendly casualties. At 082310, the radio relay station on Nui Chua Chan received 1 round of mortar fire resulting in 1 US WIA. On 10 December, B/1-9 Cav sightings resulted in 2 enemy KBH at ZT 035520.

5 The period 11-15 December was one of negligible ground activity with only two ground contacts occurring. 4 NV4 KIA resulted from these contacts. There was a significant increase in ground-air firing incidents. A total of six occurred during this period resulting in 4 US WIA and 1 LOH combat loss. Enemy firing sites were engaged with negative assessment.

6 Activity was light during the period 16-20 December with three fleeting contacts reported. There were negative injuries and negative enemy assessment resulting from the contacts. On 192135, FSB Macc received 6/60mm mortar rounds impacting inside the perimeter. At 192225, an additional 60mm mortar round impacted at FSB Macc. Suspected enemy firing sites were engaged with counter-mortar fire, AFA, and Nighthawk. Negative damage or friendly casualties resulted from the standoff attacks. On 201220/ YT 784049 C/2-8 Cav was engaged by a possible command detonated mine resulting in 5 US WIA.

7 Light activity continued during the period 21-24 December. On 211445/YT 616250, LRRP Team 42 engaged 2 VC resulting in 02 VC KIA. At 221550/YT 799245, B/1-5 Cav was engaged by an USEF. Friendlies returned fire and AFA and pink team supported. Results: Enemy 1 US - 1 KIA, 2 WIA. Two other light contacts and two ground-air fires were reported with negative friendly casualties and negative enemy assessment.

8 On 24 December at 1745 hours, the 3d Brigade began the observance of the 1970 Christmas Truce. No hostile activity marred the truce and elements of the 3d Brigade spent Christmas day in stationary positions. At 1800 hours, 25 December, combat operations were resumed.

9 Only two ground contacts were reported during the remainder of December, resulting in 1 VC KIA and negative friendly casualties. Two automatic ambushes employed by A/2-8 Cav detonated on 28 and 29 December, accounting for 8 VC KIA and 04 enemy weapons captured. At 1755 hours on 31 December, 3d Brigade ceased combat operation in observance of the New Year's Truce.

(c) Contacts during the month of January:

1 New Year's day passed with no offensive operations on the part of 3d Brigade. The truce terminated at 1800 hours on 1 January and preparations were made to begin a new operation on 2 January. Beginning an

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operation against HQ, MR-7, all elements of the Brigade were massed in the area east of FSB Mace, but contacts remained relatively light for the period 1-10 January. On 2 January, 1A/2-8 Cav engaged 7-10 individuals resulting in 1 NVA KIA. One US was wounded during the contact. Also on 2 January, 1D/1-5 Cav was engaged by an USEF utilizing B-40 and AK-47 fire. AFA and Arty supported the contact. The contact resulted in 02 US WIA and 2 US KIA with negative enemy assessment. On 5 January, in order to support the operation in progress, the 1-5 Cav opened mini-FSB Trap. At 060955/YT 795009, 2B/2-8 Cav engaged 2 individuals resulting in 1 VC KIA. At 091442/YT 720088, D/2-5 Cav was engaged by an USEF resulting in 4 US WIA and negative enemy assessment.

2 There was negative contact on 11 and 12 January and only one contact reported on 13 January. D/2-8 Cav observed and engaged 6 individuals resulting in 1 enemy KIA. A total of four contacts were reported on 14 January. These contacts were fleeting engagements and there was negative enemy assessment. 1 US WIA. Also on 14 January, mini-FSB Trap was closed and the 1-5 Cav reconsolidated at FSB Apache.

3 The period 15-22 January was one of light contact. B/1-5 Cav made contact with 6-8 individuals at 160905/YT 769267. The enemy was in a bunker complex and pink team and Arty supported. There was negative enemy assessment and 3 US WIA. At 161523, B/1-5 Cav was sweeping the contact area, they were again engaged by the enemy resulting in 1 US KIA. Negative enemy assessment. At 182155/ZS 025782, 2C/2-8 Cav and the 15th and 8th PF Platoons from Binh Tuy Province, while on a combined operation, observed and engaged 8 VC, resulting in 1 VC KIA and negative friendly casualties. Four other light contacts were reported during this period with negative results.

4 At 231110/YT 777289, 2B/1-5 Cav engaged 5 individuals resulting in 1 NVA KIA. During the period 24-28 January, most activity resulted from B/1-9 Cav operations. On 24 January, visual sightings by a pink team resulted in 3 VC KBH. Also on 24 January, ground sightings by the B/1-9 Blues resulted in 2 VC KIA. On 28 January, a visual sighting by B/1-9 Cav resulted in 1 enemy KBH. The B/1-9 Cav Blues were inserted on the sighting and made contact with an USEF resulting in 1 US WIA and 1 US KIA.

5 Due to intelligence data obtained during January, the 2-8 Cav was displaced from FSB Silver on 28 January and established FSB Fontaine in order to support an operation against HQ, MR-7 on the Nui Be complex.

6 The period 29-31 January was characterized by continued light activity. On 29 January, the 1-5 Cav shifted its operations to the area north of the Vo Dat "Rice Bowl" and established mini-FSB Claire (YT 820455). FSB Apache continued to be maintained by the 1-5 Cav. At 301134/YS 829939, G Troop/2-11 ACR made contact with 2 individuals resulting in 1 VC KIA.

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4C/2-8 Cav received sniper fire at 310900/YS 850907 resulting in 1 US WIA. Friendly element returned fire with negative results. Also on 31 January, an automatic ambush established by F Troop/2-11 ACR detonated at YS 914912 resulting in 1 VC KIA.

## (d) Contacts during the month of February:

1 On 1 February, the 2-5 Cav conducted retrograde operations at FSB Peggy and began construction at FSB Sandra (ZT 096195) in support of an operation begun against HQ and 1st Bn, 33d NVA Regiment.

2 Light activity continued during the period 2-5 February. At 020935/YS 860917, 2D/2-8 Cav engaged 2 individuals resulting in 1 VC KIA and 1 US WIA. Also on 2 February, FSB Sandra received 14-20 rounds of 81mm mortar fire at 0645 hours. All rounds impacted outside the perimeter and caused no damage. At 041330/ZT 176175, the B/1-9 Cav Blues engaged an USEF resulting in 2 VC KIA and 1 VC POW (WIA). Two other light contacts were reported during this period with negative results.

3 A significant contact took place on 6 February. 1A/2-5 Cav at 0849 hours moved into a bunker complex and observed 2-3 individuals. Contact was initiated and the enemy returned fire with small arms. At 1130 hours, 1A again reconned by fire and received small arms and 3/B-40 rockets in return. Contact was broken and was reinitiated at 1440 hours when the friendly element again reconned the area by fire and again received small arms and B-40 fire in return. The contact was supported by air strike, pink team, AFA and Arty. Results: Enemy - 5 VC KIA; Friendly - 3 US WIA.

4 Another significant contact took place on 7 February. At 070930/YS 796902, 2B/2-8 Cav found an enemy commo wire and began following the wire to the south. Recon by fire was conducted with negative return fire. At 1005 hours 2B triggered an enemy booby trap resulting in 3 US WIA. Also at this time the unit received a light volume of small arms fire. As the platoon began maneuvering towards the enemy, it began receiving a heavy volume of small arms, automatic weapons, and B-40 fire. Contact continued throughout the day although the intensity lessened to sporadic fire shortly after the initial period of contact. AFA, Arty, pink teams, air strikes and MEDEVAC supported the contact. Results: Enemy - Unknown; Friendly - 6 US KIA, 8 US WIA.

5 Activity in the AO decreased considerably during the period 8-13 February. A total of six minor contacts were reported with only one yielding any significant results. E recon/2-5 engaged one individual resulting in 1 NVA KIA. FSB Fontaine received 2 standoff attacks during this period. At 082330, 3 rounds of enemy launched 105mm rounds were received causing 4 US wounded. The second attack was received at 102236 when 4 rounds of enemy launched 155mm rounds were reported, causing negative casualties or damage.

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6 Light activity continued from 14-17 February. On 14 February, the 1-5 Cav conducted retrograde of mini-FSB Claire and reconstituted the CP at FSB Apache. A/2-8 Cav at 140912/YS 820927, received 20-30 rounds of sniper fire resulting in 2 US WIA. Suspected area was engaged with negative results. At 150835/ZT 065311, 2A/2-5 Cav observed 5-7 individuals and engaged with organics, resulting in 1 NVA KIA. E Recon/2-5 Cav engaged 2 individuals at 171630/ZT 014144, resulting in 1 NVA KIA.

7 Ground activity during the period 18-23 February centered in the 2-8 Cav's AO. At 182050 hours, FSB Fontaine received 6/60mm mortar rounds, 5 impacting within the perimeter and 1 impacting without detonating. Five US were wounded in the attack. Counter-mortar fire, AFA, and Nighthawk reacted to the attack. At 191012/YS 848932, E Recon/2-8 Cav engaged 5 individuals resulting in 1 NVA KIA. Enemy KIA was later identified as an NVA Captain. There were negative friendly losses. E Recon/2-8 Cav at 201016/YS 850932 was engaged by an USEF utilizing small arms and B-40 rockets, resulting in 1 US KIA and 3 US WIA. Friendlies returned fire with negative results. Two other contacts were reported in the 2-8 Cav's AO with negative significant results. Also during this time period, the 1-5 Cav opened mini-FSB Cheryl (YT 8611/3) to support operations against the 2d Bn, 33d NVA Regiment.

8 The remainder of February was extremely quiet with only two contacts reported. There were negative significant results from either contact.

(e) Contacts during the month of March:

1 The lull in activity that began in late February continued in early March. During the period 1-9 March, only one significant contact occurred. At 051445/YS 865925, E Recon/2-8 Cav observed and engaged 13 individuals in a bunker complex. The enemy returned fire with small arms. Contact broke almost immediately, but was reestablished sporadically until 1700 hours. The 2-8 Cav's command and control helicopter received fire while over the contact area and had to make an emergency landing at 1530 hours. Negative injuries. A LCH from F/1-9 Cav also received ground-air fire while supporting the contact and made a forced landing at 1600 hours. Negative injuries. The contact was supported by AFA, Arty, pink teams, and Rash FACs. Results: En - Unk; Fdly - 1 KCS KIA, 2 US WIA.

2 On 9 March, the 1-5 Cav began prepositioning forces for an operation south of FSB Mace. On 10 March, the 1-5 Cav began moving into the area south of FSB Mace and D(-)/1-5 Cav made contact with 3 individuals at 101545/YT 623023 resulting in 1 NVA KIA and negative friendly casualties. On 11 March, the 1-5 Cav closed FSB Apache and moved the OP to FSB Mace. On 13 March at 1417 hours/YS 609991, E Recon/1-5 Cav engaged 1-2 individuals resulting in 1 VC KIA.

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3 During the period 14-17 March, one minor contact and two significant contacts were reported. At 141210/ZT 195162. 1A/2-5 Cav received small arms fire while in log posture, resulting 1 US WIA. 3D/1-5 Cav at 151548/YS 635940, engaged 2 individuals in a bunker complex. Received return fire from 10-12 enemy utilizing light automatic weapons, small arms and B-40 fire. AFA, Arty, pink team and air strike supported the contact. Results: En - Unk; Fdly - 6 US WIA. At 170045/ZT 070170, LRRP Team 22 engaged 4 individuals with claymores and small arms resulting in 4 NVA KIAs. While searching the bodies, the team received small arms fire from 3 individuals. Contact broke at 0830 hours and the LRRP team was extracted at 1145 hours with negative casualties. Pink team and B-1-9 Cav Blues supported the contact. Negative enemy assessment.

4 The period 18-22 March showed a marked increase in enemy activity. On 18 March, a total of five ground contacts occurred. E Recon/(-)/1-5 Cav engaged 02-03 individuals at 181200/YS 655035 resulting in 1 VC KIA. At 181530/YS 842961, 2G/2-11 ACR engaged 2 individuals resulting in 1 VC KIA. There were negative results from the other three contacts. Four contacts were reported on 19 March resulting in 2 VC KIA by 3B/2-8 Cav at YS 848930 and 1 VC KIA by 2G/2-11 ACR at YS 843957. Also on 19 March, the 1-5 Cav ceased combat operations in RVN and began standdown at Bien Hoa. The unit was released OPCON from 3d Brigade at 191530 hours.

5 On 20 March there were three instances of ground-air fire that resulted in negative damage or casualties. Three ground contacts were reported on 21 March resulting in 1 VC KIA by 2E/2-11 ACR at YS 867964, 72 VC KIA and 1 VC POW by the 513 RF Company, OPCON to the 2-8 Cav and 2 US from 2D/2-5 Cav were WIA in a contact at ZT 021173.

6 Activity again became light during the period 23-25 March. At 241100/YT 836066, a LOH from F/1-9 Cav received ground-air fire, receiving an unknown number of hits to the aircraft. The aircraft lost direction control and crashed resulting in 2 US KIA and 1 US WIA.

7 On 24 March, as the 1st Brigade Headquarters began standdown, the 3d Brigade assumed OPCON of the 1-7 Cav, the 1-12 Cav and the 2-12 Cav. The 3d Brigade also assumed control of the 1st Brigade's AO and the Camp Gorvad AO. On 27 March, the 2-12 Cav ceased combat operations in RVN and began standdown at Bien Hoa. The 2-12 Cav was released OPCON from 3d Brigade at 270810 hours. Also on 27 March, the 1-12 Cav assumed responsibility for defense of Camp Gorvad and moved a TAC CP to that location.

8 Activity for the remainder of the month remained relatively light. A: 260915/YS 827897, 3A/2-8 Cav engaged 3 individuals resulting in 1 V. KIA. Recon/2-8 Cav at 270937/YS 834925, engaged 4 individuals resulting

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in 1 NVA KIA. At 271210/YS 634925, A/2-8 Cav received small arms fire from 2 individuals resulting in 1 US WIA. Return fire by A Company produced negative results. At 311150/ZT 096105, E Recon 2-5 Cav engaged 2 individuals. Enemy returned fire with small arms. Results: EN-2 VC KIA; Fdly - 1 US WIA.

(f) Contacts during month of April:

1 The period 1-6 April was characterized by light activity. 3D/2-5 Cav was engaged by 1 individual at 011100/ZT 097287 resulting in 1 US WIA. 4E/2-11 ACR at 021315/YS 929954 engaged 4 individuals resulting in 2 VC KIA. 1C/2-5 Cav at 051330/YT 974137 engaged an USMC resulting in 1 VC KIA. Four other fleeting contacts were reported with negative results.

2 On 7 April, in response to recent intelligence, the 1-7 Cav re-oriented operations from War Zone "D" to an area south of FSB Mace. To support the operation, the 1-7 Cav CP relocated to FSB Mace.

3 After the arrival of the 1-7 Cav, activity in the area south of FSB Mace increased. At 081025/YT 572007, C/1-7 Cav engaged 3 individuals. AFA, Arty, pink team, and air strike supported. 1 enemy was reported killed as a result of the air strike. At 090715/YT 643007, 1A/1-7 Cav was ambushed as it left its night position. The unit received small arms, automatic weapons, and B-40 fire from approximately 15 individuals. 1A returned fire with organics and AFA, Arty, pink team and air strike supported, resulting in 1 enemy KBA/S. Friendly losses were 1 US KIA and 6 US WIA. Due to this increased activity, the 2-5 Cav was relocated from the eastern portion of the AO to the area south of the contacts. The 2-5 Cav moved a TAC CP to FSB Mace to control operations.

4 At 1200 hours on 10 April, the 3d Brigade was redesignated 3d Brigade (Separate), 1st Cavalry Division (AM) and became OPCON to II Field Force. Two contacts were reported on 10 April resulting in 1 enemy KIA at ZS 084934 by the 513 RF Company, OPCON to 2-11 ACR, and 1 enemy KIA at YS 617956 by D/2-8 Cav.

f. 1st Squadron, 9th Air Cavalry Operations.

(1) Mission: The 1st Squadron, 9th Air Cavalry remained in general support of the Division, continuing to provide visual reconnaissance throughout the Division Area of Operation. In addition, the 1/9 ACS provided convoy escort and cover and had responsibility for Ranger Team and Combat Tracker Team insertions and extractions. During the latter part of December, 1-9 Cav, with 3-17 Cav (-) OPCON, was assigned the additional missions of supporting the 7th and 9th ARVN Regiments and the 2d ARVN Airborne Brigade. On 22 February, TF 1-9th was assigned

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the mission of supporting the ARVN operations in Cambodia under HQ MP-3 with four troops of Air Cavalry.

## (2) Execution:

(a) On 5 December 1970 the 9th Cavalry Brigade (Provisional) was formed, and included the newly created F Troop (Prov) 1-9 ACS and E Troop (Prov). Both Air Cavalry Squadrons were placed OPCON to the provisional 9th Cavalry Brigade, and the brigade task organized as follows:

<u>TF 1-9</u>	<u>TF 3-17</u>	<u>Bde Control</u>
A/1-9 ACS	B/3-17 ACS	H C 75th Rangers
E/1-9 ACS	E/1-9 ACS	62nd Cmbt Trackers
A/3-17 ACS	C/1-9 ACS	D/1-9 ACS
E/3-17 ACS	F/1-9 ACS	

During the remaining 26 days of December the Brigade restructured the task organization three times and conducted one independent operation.

(b) In late December, there was a noticeable increase in activity in the 7th and 9th ARVN areas of operation. Additionally, the 9th ARVN Regiment was conducting cross-border operations into Cambodia. A/1-9 ACS was diverted into the 7th and 9th ARVN Regimental AOs during the period 23-29 December to assist A/3-17 ACS in locating the enemy forces that had moved across the border.

(c) At 242000 December 1970 the Brigade received a warning order to send two air cavalry troops to Tay Ninh to support operations by the 2nd ARVN Airborne Brigade. At 242100 December TF 3-17 was notified to release C/1-9 ACS from OPCON on order. TF 1-9 was also informed to be prepared to receive OPCON C/1-9 ACS on order and be prepared to send E and C/1-9 ACS to Tay Ninh. Initial coordination was made by TF 1-9 Commander and the S-3 with the 2nd ARVN Airborne Brigade, when orders were received 250830 December to commit one air cavalry troop in support of the Airborne Brigade. By 1410 hours, C troop, 1-9 ACS had already made contact in the new area of operations. In the space of two days the Bde had moved five air cavalry troops into new areas of operation and each troop was operational upon arrival. A recapitulation of the moves are as follows:

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>UNIT SUPPORTED (AO)</u>
A/1-9 ACS	7th and 9th ARVN Regiments
E/1-9 ACS	DIVARTY
E/3-17 ACS	Bien Hoa Sector
B/1-9 ACS	Royal Thai Army Volunteer Force
C/1-9 ACS	2nd ARVN ABN BDE

(d) At 252000 December 1970 the task organization was changed again by placing E/3-17 ACS under OPCON to TF 3-17. This troop was further placed in support of the 2nd Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM). At the same time B/1-9 ACS returned to OPCON of TF 3-17. This organization was retained until 31 December 1970.

(e) On 29 December 1970 the brigade received a warning order to locate and free some allied prisoners of war supposedly located in the Razor Back area. At 302000 December the order to execute the plan was received. At 310645 December Task Force Novins arrived at an abandoned air strip at Dau Tieng and established a forward operation AC base. Two Air Cavalry troops and an Infantry Battalion (-) were OPCON to the Task Force. Rearm and refuel points were established and operational by 0745 hours. The operation resulted in one heavy contact, but due to the holiday cease fire the operation had to terminate at 1800 hours that day. By 1930 hours all elements of the TF had cleared Dau Tieng and the air strip.

(f) The task organization in the beginning of January remained the same. A Troop 1/9 ACS was in support of the 2nd Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM). A Troop 3/17 ACS continued to support the 7th and 9th ARVN Regiments, C 1/9 ACS was supporting the 2nd ARVN Bde in Tay Ninh Province, E Troop 3/17 ACS worked in support of the 2/12 Cav, F Troop 1/9 ACS was in support of the 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM), and B Troop supported 3d Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM).

(g) On 17 January, E Troop (Prov) 3/17 ACS was inactivated with its assets reverting to the 334th Attack Helicopter Company. F Troop was then given the mission of supporting the Divarty AO.

(h) Because of increased activity in the 5th ARVN Division and 2nd ARVN ABN Bde AOs and the 6th ARVN Ranger Group's move to eastern Tay Ninh, a further alignment of Air Cavalry assets was necessary. C Troop 1/9 ACS continued in support of the 2nd ARVN ABN Bde in western Tay Ninh while A Troop 3/17 ACS was tasked to support the 6th Ranger

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Group in eastern Tay Ninh. E Troop 1/9 ACS was then moved to support the 7th and 9th ARVN Regiments. A Troop 1/9 ACS continued to support the 2nd Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM). F Troop 1/9 ACS was in support of the DIVARTY AO and additionally supported the 8th ARVN Regiment in its AO.

(i) The 1-9 ACS continued its mission supporting the 1st Cav Div (AM) with little change in its mission or operations throughout the remainder of January and into February. 22 February 1971, TF 1-9 commenced operations in support of ARVN forces in Cambodia. Four air cavalry troops supporting four ARVN task forces were to operate under HQ MR-3. Major enemy units, including the 5th and 9th VC and the 7th NVA Divisions, were located from Kampong Cham to Snuol.

(j) The two OPCON troops of the 3/17th ACS (-), in addition to the 1/9 ACS, had been tasked to provide aerial reconnaissance along the entire northern border between MR-3 and Cambodia. Area responsibilities were divided between the two squadron headquarters; however, CO 1/9 ACS remained as the overall coordinator of air cavalry operations for the Division.

1 To support the operation, rearm/refuel points were established at Katum and Thien Ngon and B Troop 1/9 ACS moved closer to the Cambodian border from Bear Cat to Quan Ioi. Headquarters, 1/9 ACS, established a tactical command post at Katum to facilitate coordination with Headquarters, MR-3, and the supporting Task Forces.

2 Because of the unique rules of engagement in Cambodia, minor modifications to normal air cavalry tactical maneuvers were required. ARVN ground forces called "Browns" were trained in air cavalry tactics to act as Quick Reaction Forces. They replaced the "Blues" (Aerial Rifle Platoons) normally employed by Air Cavalry troops. Some of the "Browns" had previous experience in operating with the Air Cavalry units along the MR-3 Cambodian border, thus easing the transition from "Blues" to "Browns". To be responsive to ARVN ground forces and to provide close in air cavalry support, it was necessary to establish a system for direct communications between the air cavalry and the ground commanders. This was accomplished through the use of command and control helicopters continuously on station with a senior officer of the air cavalry troop and an ARVN liaison officer on board to coordinate operations with the ground commanders. The ARVN liaison officer also coordinated the clearance to engage targets.

3 On 24 February the Air Cavalry Troop of the 11th ACR was placed OPCON to the 1/9 ACS and immediately deployed into Cambodia.

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4 On 26 February E Troop (Prov), 1/9 ACS, inactivated, and D Co, 227th AHB was reorganized using E Troop assets.

5 A Troop, 1/9 ACS, commenced to move its permanent location from Fire Support Base Buttons at Song Bo to Camp Gorvad at Phuoc Vinh in preparation for the scheduled standdown of the 1-9 ACS. The troop completed its move on 8 March and continued its tactical operations during the entire move.

(k) On 1 March, the 62nd Combat Tracker Platoon entered standdown at Phuoc Vinh and was completed on 6 March. Delta Troop, 1/9 ACS, entered standdown on 8 March and was completed on 16 March. On 8 March it was announced that the remaining troops of the 1/9 ACS would not enter standdown but would continue with their commitment to support MR-3 in its Cambodian operation with the exception of B Troop which would become a part of the 3d Bde (Sop) and F Troop (Prov) which would inactivate. The responsibility for F Troop's AO was assumed on 28 March by B Troop, 1/9 ACS, which was released OFCON to the 3d Bde (Sop) 28 March and moved from Quan Loi to Bear Cat. B Troop's Cambodian commitment was assumed by B Troop 3/17 ACS. Troop AOs were then realigned to compensate for these changes. A Troop 1/9 ACS joined C Troop 1/9 ACS in Tay Ninh while both A Troop 3/17 ACS and B Troop 3/17 ACS were based in Quan Loi.

(1) On 1 April F Troop, 3-4 Cavalry, was placed OFCON to the 1/9 ACS. They deployed to Cambodia from Lai Khe. This brought the total number of Air Cavalry troops supporting MR-3 in Cambodia to six under the control of Headquarters, 1/9 ACS. Additionally, A Battery, 2/20 Aerial Field Artillery, was placed in direct support of the task force.

1 The rear headquarters for 1/9 ACS including A Troop, C Troop, and Headquarters Company was moved on 2 April from Phuoc Vinh to Di An.

2 Following the move to Di An, the 1/9th ACS (-) was reassigned to the 12th Combat Aviation Group, First Aviation Brigade, from the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). This reassignment was completed on 10 April 1971.

g. 11th Combat Aviation Group

(1) Mission: During the period 1 November 1970 to 5 April 1971, the 11th Combat Aviation Group continued operational control of Aviation units in support of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). The Group units were the 227th and 229th Assault Helicopter battalions, the 228th Assault Support Helicopter Battalion, and the 11th Aviation Company (GS). The elements of 11th Group provided direct and general support for the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), the 5th ARVN Division, 11th ACR, and other ARVN, RF, and PF elements located in MR III. These missions com-

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sisted of opening and closing fire support bases, field resupply, combat assault, gunship escort, command and control, aircraft recovery, spray (insecticide), flare support, observation, and transportation and administrative missions. The 11th Aviation Group provided all pathfinder, traffic and airfield control for the Division and supported ARVN units.

### (2) Execution:

(a) The Aerial Weapons Company (D Company) of the 227th AHB was redeployed to MR I during the period to reinforce the gunship support required by XXIV Corps during Operation Lam Son 719. Upon redeployment to MR I, D/227th was attached to the 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile). The area of operations covered III Corps, Southern II Corps, Cambodia, Laos, and the reinforcement of XXIV Corps.

(b) Execution of "Keystone Robin Charlie" redeployment called for the inactivation of E Troop (Prov) and F Troop (Prov) 1/9th Cavalry and their reorganization as D/227th and D/229th respectively. 229th AHB was reorganized as the 229th Aviation Battalion (Composite) with the mission to support the 3rd Brigade (Separate), upon redeployment of the 1st Cavalry Division (-). The Group also redeployed A/228th, C/228th, A/227th, B/227th, and C/227th to the 1st Aviation Brigade with station in II Corps. Transfer of B/229th to the 1st Aviation Brigade with station in III Corps will be completed under supervision of the 229th Aviation Battalion (Composite). HHC/227th AHB and HHC/228th AHB were inactivated in-country. HHC, 11th Combat Aviation Group, has been reorganized and relocated in MR I under the 1st Aviation Brigade.

### h. Division Artillery.

#### (1) Mission:

(a) The 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) Artillery and its assigned units provided fire support to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) maneuver forces within the Division's assigned AO and took action to advance pacification and Vietnamization efforts.

(b) The 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) Artillery continued to act as maneuver headquarters for AO Chief and to control the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) Base Camp (Camp Gorvad) at Phuoc Vinh until 7 February 1971. On that date responsibility for AO Chief was assigned to the 1st Brigade. Division Artillery retained responsibility for Camp Gorvad base defense. On 18 January 1971, Division Artillery assumed responsibility for Popular Forces training in Nau Nghia Province; on 15

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February responsibility encompassed Binh Duong and Tay Ninh Provinces.

(2) Execution:

(a) 2/19th Artillery continued its primary mission of direct support to the 1st Brigade. All batteries to include the Battalion Headquarters successfully completed the Divarty combat operations test. The battalion also underwent its annual CMMI and received outstanding ratings. The unit prepared for and completed standdown on 31 March 1971.

(b) 1/77th Artillery continued its primary mission of direct support to the 2d Brigade. Firing batteries A and B successfully completed the Divarty combat operations test and the Battalion underwent its Annual General Inspection earning a satisfactory rating in all areas. The unit prepared for and completed standdown on 20 March 1971.

(c) 1/21st Artillery continued its primary mission of direct support of the 3d Brigade. By 30 March 1971 the Battalion assumed the mission of direct support for the 3d Brigade (Separate), 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). Two additional batteries were assigned on that date: A Battery 2d Bn 19th Arty and C Battery 2d Bn 20th Arty.

(d) 1/30 Artillery continued its mission of general support of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). The Battalion (-) continued in direct support of AO Chief. Two of three batteries were split throughout the period. The battalion headquarters received its CMMI and passed with a satisfactory overall rating. The battalion prepared for and completed standdown on 6 April 1971.

(e) 2/20th (AFA) continued in general support of the Division. Battery A reinforced the fires of 2/19th Artillery, Battery B reinforced the fires of 1/77th Artillery, and Battery C reinforced the fires of the 1/21st Artillery. In February the Battalion received a classified mission to support operations in Cambodia on a selected basis; later, the battalion supported 1/9 Cavalry operations in Cambodia. On 8 December 1970, the 2/20 Artillery assumed the mission of armed aerial escort of troop carrying aircraft. To accomplish this mission six AH-1G helicopters and 20 personnel were attached to the Battalion from D Co, 229th AHB.

(f) E Battery, 82d Artillery (AVN) continued to support Division Artillery units throughout the reporting period. Aviation assets continued to be fully utilized. The fixed wing section continued the mission of supplying convoy cover for the Division TACR. During the first part of this period 4 LOH aircraft were transferred to the 1/9 Cav to enable them to support their missions.

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(g) AO Chief (Binh Duong Province and Phuoc Long Province). Activity within AO Chief remained extremely light during the reporting period. In the southern portion of the AO several contacts were initiated against elements of K1, Dong Nai Regiment; C510, SR-5; and local guerrilla forces. The C2 Company, K33 Artillery Battalion was identified in the northern portion of the AO, along with H2, C11 Supply entrance and exit control unit of the 81st Rear Service Group. The primary threat against Camp Corvad during the reporting period was from standoff attacks, with 6 conducted against the installation. The total enemy losses for the reporting period were 31 KIA, 1 PW, and 5 Hoi Chanh. On 7 February 1971 responsibility for AO Chief was transferred to the 1st Brigade.

## (h) Training:

1 General: In addition to the normal recurring training periods required by 1st Cavalry Division Regulation 350-1, the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery conducted Forward Observer and Fire Direction Center Schools, Battalion/Battery Combat Operations Tests, and training and assistance to ARVN artillery units. Fire support coordination and Forward Observer Classes were taught at the First Team Academy while Division Artillery battalion liaison officers and forward observers conducted informal artillery training for supported US/ARVN units on a continuing basis. During the period, Division Artillery was tasked to train Popular Forces in Hau Nghia, Tay Ninh, and Binh Duong Provinces using two OPCOM airborne rifle companies.

2 Formal training was conducted at Division Artillery Headquarters for personnel being assigned as part of a forward observer party. The purpose of the instruction was to familiarize forward observer personnel with artillery adjusting techniques used in Vietnamese operations. The course of instruction consisted of two days of classroom instruction and one day of practical exercise in adjustment of both tube and aerial field artillery. During the period 1 Nov 70 - 4 April 71, four classes were conducted, graduating 54 students. One class on Fire Direction Center procedures was taught with four fire direction officers in attendance.

3 Fire support coordination: During this period fire support coordination and forward observer classes were conducted at the First Team Academy. The purpose of the classes was to discuss and illustrate effective fire support by the Artillery Liaison Officer. The classes consisted of a discussion of fire support coordination followed by a live demonstration by aerial field artillery.

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4 Battalion/Battery Combat Operations Test: During this period Division Artillery conducted combat operations tests for the batteries and battalions subordinate to this headquarters. The purpose of the tests were to assess the combat readiness posture and state of training of the cannon/aerial field artillery battalions dedicated to the delivery of timely and accurate artillery fire in the support of maneuver forces.

5 Artillery Assistance/Training: During this reporting period, Division Artillery units continued to follow an active program of training and assistance to the ARVN artillery units.

6 Popular Forces Training: On 18 Jan 71 Division Artillery assumed the task of Popular Forces training in Nau Nghia, Tay Ninh, and Binh Duong Provinces under the direction of the S5. Training consisted of an American airmobile rifle company moving to a district within the assigned provinces and conducting the training in all aspects of counter-insurgency warfare at various popular forces compounds. Rifle companies utilized in this training were D Co, 2nd Bn, 7th Cav and F Co (Prov), 2nd Bn, 12th Cav. Popular Forces trained under this program numbered 2,375 individuals.

7 Aerial Field Artillery Training: A program was initiated within this command to effectively evaluate and test the three individual aerial firing batteries in all phases of combat operations. This was adopted as the operational readiness test; through successive examinations of the operations section, mission responses, aviation safety, and quality control maintenance. A complete and accurate evaluation of the battalion's overall effectiveness in its general support role was determined. In addition a firing test was conducted to determine the battery with the highest rocket firing accuracy. The operational readiness test has significantly increased the professional attitude and morale of all battalion personnel. It has provided an accurate evaluation of the battalion's over-all effectiveness and has helped maintain a high level of proficiency.

(1) Pertinent statistical data:

1 Aircraft utilization: During the reporting period, E Battery, 82d Artillery (Aviation) flew a total of 8,946 hours and 13,500 sorties averaging 40 minutes per sortie.

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## 2 Ammunition Expenditures for the period - HE

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CAI</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2/19	105	54,839
1/77	105	35,824
1/21	105	45,405
TOTAL		136,068
1/30	155	30,514
2/20	2.75"	92,204
2/20	7.62	360,645
2/20	40mm	37,771
2/20	20mm	10,985

## 3 Artillery moves for the period:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>REP'D PERIOD</u>
2/19	5	5	8	13	7	28
1/77	5	6	4	6	5	26
1/21	6	5	9	2	5	27
1/30	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>21</u>
TOTALS	23	17	22	19	21	102

4 2d Bn, 20th Artillery (AFA) Employment statistics for period  
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TOTAL HOURS FLOWN

A-1G	11,472
UH-1	1,129
Section - GAPS	1,139
Section Fire Mission	843
Sorties - Mortar Patrol	18
Sorties - Hunter/Killer	18
Escort	1,907

5 Arty/AFA Kills: 1 November 1970 to 30 March 1971.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ARTY</u>	<u>AFA</u>	
1st Bde	3	6	
2d Bde	0	6	
3d Bde	5	6	
AO Chief	0	0	
ARVN	0	49	
1/9	0	372	TOTAL: 447

i. 8th Engineer Battalion

(1) During the reporting period, the 8th Engineer Battalion continued its efforts in support of the 1st Cav Div (AM) in combat operations. The end of the reporting period saw the completion of the stand down of the Battalion Headquarters, Headquarters Company, and Companies A and B. Company C was reorganized, reinforced and continued its mission of combat support of the 3rd Brigade (Separate).

(2) Non-Divisional engineer support, coordinated by the 8th Engineer Battalion, was directed toward upgrading roads, and the construction of facilities within the Bien Hoa complex to support the 3rd Brigade. Non-Divisional Engineers continued work on the Special Intelligence bunker, Communications bunker, modification of the Bde TOC, and construction of a refuel facility. A rearm-refuel point was also completed at Katum.

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(3) ETC, 8th Engineer Battalion remained at Phuoc Vinh until completion of standdown on 2 April 71. Maintenance was conducted on the tactical airfields at Tanh Linh, Quan Loi, Song Bo, and Vo Dgt. Air-mobile construction equipment was provided to open, maintain, and close 27 FSBs in the Division AO. Over 600 helicopter sorties were utilized to move equipment in response to combat support and standdown missions. At Camp Gorval, HHC personnel repaired facilities, assisted Post Engineer personnel in preparing house trailers for movement, and conducted daily mine sweeps. In addition, personnel were assigned to the Division Roll-Up Force to close Camp Gorval as a US Installation. HHC water points provided Division units with over 1,000,000 gallons of potable water during the period. At the close of the period the headquarters had completed the transfer of all equipment within the Battalion, either transferring it to C Company, returning it to COMUS, or turning it in for Keystone disposal.

(4) Company A remained in direct support of the 1st Bde with its CP at Bien Hoa. Until stand down on 23 March 71, Company A provided demolition and mine sweep teams; opened, maintained, and closed 13 FSBs. Company A also provided engineer support for upgrading of facilities at Bien Hoa. Building rehabilitation, work on drainage, construction of athletic facilities, and paving heliports and roads were continuing projects in the Bien Hoa area.

(5) Company B remained in direct support of the 2d Bde with base camp at FSB Buttons at Song Bo. On 11 March 71 Company B moved from Song Bo to Phuoc Vinh and completed standdown at Phuoc Vinh on 18 March 71. During the reporting period Company B opened and closed 6 FSBs and provided support for FSB Buttons. Upgrading of facilities and paving areas within the FSB were completed prior to the turnover of the FSB to ARVN authorities.

(6) Company C continued support of the 3rd Bde at FSB Mace and completed the move from FSB Mace to Bien Hoa on 2 April. Company C, reinforced with an equipment platoon, an operations section, water point section, and one additional line platoon, continued in support of the 1st Cav Div (AM) residual Bde. Company C continued support at Mace to include relocating a new berm and construction of new ASF and rearm-refuel facilities. Runway repairs at the airfield at Tanh Linh were completed. The rearm-refuel facility was begun at Rock/La Nga. On completion of the facility, paving was begun. Prior to Company C's move from Mace, personnel essential for operations at Bien Hoa were moved to Bien Hoa where they began support of standdown operations of the Division and preparation for support of the 3rd Bde (Sep). Assuming projects of Company A, the unit began upgrading facilities at Bien Hoa.

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These projects included athletic facilities, road maintenance and drainage, and renovation and modification of the 3rd Bde (Sop) HQs area.

1. 13th Signal Battalion.

(1) During November, 1970, the 13th Signal Battalion provided support to separate battalions in the Division by deploying VHF Jump teams to provide the firebases with radio relay access to MARS facilities. Utilizing the AN/GRC-163 radio, the teams established a four channel system from various firebases back to brigade base camps. The shots were terminated at the brigade base camps and patched through to the local MARS station. Three VHF teams were deployed at the beginning of November, FSB Audie, FSB Pershing, and FSB Silver. By 25 November, these teams were redeployed to Camp Corvad and three new teams were deployed to FSB Snuffy, FSB Andre, and FSB Peggy.

(2) There were two new circuits activated during November. A teletype circuit was activated on channel 5 of the SO1 system (Phuoc Vinh to Bien Hoa). The circuit is a hotline from the 371st RRU at Phuoc Vinh to the 371st RRU in Bien Hoa. The circuit is carried on AN/GRC-163 equipment and is the only teletype channel in use on any of the Battalion's GRC-163 equipment. The second activation was on channel 5 of the SO7 system (Phuoc Vinh to Maco). It is a hotline from Air Force Weather at Phuoc Vinh to Air Force Weather at FSB Maco.

(3) At the beginning of December 1970, the 13th Signal had VHF Jump Teams deployed at Fire Support Bases Snuffy, Peggy, and Andre for the purpose of providing radio relay access to MARS facilities. In mid-December, these teams were extracted and redeployed to Fire Support Bases Dragonhead, Apache, and Jupiter. These teams remained in place for the rest of the month with the exception of the teams at FSB Dragonhead. This team attempted to establish a 4 channel system from Dragonhead to Phuoc Vinh, a distance of fifty-four miles. The planning range for the AN/GRC-163 is fifty miles, but due to the terrain and distance, the shot was not of patch quality. The Dragonhead team was extracted when the shot failed and plans were made to re-establish the system at a later date with a relay at FSB Green.

(4) The AN/MRC-69 twelve channel system from Phuoc Vinh to the 2nd Brigade located at FSB Buttons was down several times during the month due to frequency blocks. To alleviate this problem, clearance was obtained from II FFV to operate the system on C Band frequencies rather than B Band frequencies. This made the frequencies in use much higher and further out of range of interfering FM frequencies. This system has functioned perfectly since this change.

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(5) Utilizing the AN/GRC-163, a four channel system was established from Camp Corvado to the 3rd Brigade at FSB Maco. This system includes a relay on Mui Chau Cham and serves as a back-up system for the AN/MRC-69 twelve channel system. The back-up system was operational on 20 December 1970.

(6) On 23 December, the 13th Signal deployed a three man team and an AN/VSC-2 complete with back-up to AG Rear located in Bien Hoa. The purpose of this deployment was to establish a station in the D-3 Radio Teletype Net. By entering the D-3 RATT Net, personnel data essential to AG operations was readily available.

(7) January began with VLF Jump Teams deployed to Fire Support Bases Jupiter and Apache. These teams were extracted on 16 January. On 9 January, a team was deployed to FSB Bolan. The teams established four channel systems to provide radio relay access to MARS facilities. The Bolan team was extracted on 26 January.

(8) A major training exercise was conducted on 19 January when the Battalion established a practise forward signal center at Bien Hoa. The order to establish the Signal Center was issued at 0800 hours on 19 January. The men and equipment moved to Bien Hoa in convoy and established the following: a four channel VHF system, secure and non-secure FM radio nets to include an airborne relay for FM transmission from Bien Hoa to Phuoc Vinh; an AM radio teletype station in the D-3 net; a switchboard for telephone communications within the CP and circuits into 1st Brigade's Scorpion Switch; and trunks to Phuoc Vinh via the VHF system; and CONCEN circuits to the Division CONCEN in Phuoc Vinh. All systems were operational by 1330 hours on 19 January.

(9) On 1 February, a VHF team was sent to FSB Green to establish a four channel VHF system from Green to Phuoc Vinh to provide radio relay access to MARS facilities. The team was extracted on 17 February. On 10 February, a three man VHF team was deployed to FSB Betty. The team remained at Betty until 26 February.

(10) On 21 February the Battalion installed a relay on Mui Ba Den in support of 1/9 Cav's operations in the vicinity of Tay Ninh. The relay was established to accommodate the D-1 Command Net, the D-2 Operations and Intelligence Net, and the 1/9 Command Net. The relay was operational at 1330 hours on 22 February. On 24 February, 3 men were sent to Tay Ninh East in support of the G3 INO and on 3 March one man was sent to Katum to provide radio support to the 1/9. When the relay on Mui Ba Den was initially installed, there was a problem with the secure nets going off squelch during transmission. The problem was found to be one of the frequencies in use. The frequency was changed and the net was operational loud and clear.

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2. (C) Lessons Learned: Commander's Observations, Evaluations and Recommendations.

a. Personnel. None

b. Intelligence. Use of CMEC Teams.

(1) OBSERVATION: Personnel in the field frequently lack the expertise required to make a judgement about how long cache sites have been in place.

(2) EVALUATION: The MACV Combined Material Exploitation Center (CMEC) has personnel on call who are experts in the field of captured material. Use of CMEC Teams by this Division has proven highly beneficial and successful, and has provided more timely intelligence readouts on captured enemy material and caches in those instances where the teams were deployed directly into the cache sites.

(3) RECOMMENDATION: Emphasis be placed on calling for a CMEC Team whenever its services would be of benefit, particularly upon discovering large enemy caches.

c. Operations.

(1) Control of Woodcutters.

(a) OBSERVATION: One brigade encountered significant difficulties coordinating with the respective GVN district headquarters to find a workable solution to control activities of legal woodcutters and isolate them from the illegal Shadow Supply System.

(b) EVALUATION: GVN province and district officials establish and announce the authorized areas for woodcutting normally with insufficient coordination with the US tactical headquarters within whose AO the area lies. The control of these woodcutters (the enforcement of existing GVN regulations) is the responsibility of the district officials. In all cases encountered by the brigade it was beyond the capability of the territorial forces to control the woodcutters. As a result, the Shadow Supply System flourished among those woodcutters who can be exploited while earning a living. All attempts at an effective resources control program by the brigade met with only limited success, mainly due to the magnitude of the problem. There were simply too many loggers working in small groups over too large an area to be effectively controlled in the jungle.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: A joint plan should be established by the GVN officials and US Force Commander to control the woodcutters as they enter and leave the authorized areas since it is obviously impossible to control them once they have dispersed. This would require a very limited number

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of entry and exit points (and some engineer support to close the additional ones normally now in existence), an inspection team to insure all vehicles are sanitized when entering and exiting the forest area, and sufficient aerial surveillance to apprehend violators. It may even be feasible to escort the cutters utilizing escorts to avoid intimidation while in the forest.

## (2) Searchlight Employment.

(a) OBSERVATION: In an area where there are no RVN installations, an effective Chieu Hoi program involves rallying to US units. Leading prospective ralliers to US units is a problem which requires attention.

(b) EVALUATION: Searchlights can be employed on US fire support bases to guide individuals into the bases. The employment of searchlights in conjunction with PSYOPS aircraft and leaflet drops, telling prospective Hoi Chanhs to rally at the source of light, has proven to be an effective means of leading ralliers to US units.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: Use searchlights in psychological operations wherever possible.

## (3) Employment of a Composite 105/155mm Battery.

(a) OBSERVATION: A concept recently employed by the 1st Cavalry Division Artillery may have application beyond the current Vietnam situation and should be evaluated by the Field Artillery School for inclusion in the program of instruction relating to counterinsurgency and stability operations.

(b) EVALUATION: The First Cavalry Division (Airmobile) has been operating in an extremely large area of operations. The Division has made extensive use of its mobility to conduct wide ranging small unit operations. The composite 105/155mm battery concept has been employed in certain instances for limited periods of time.

1 When the tactical situation necessitates that the maneuver element work beyond the range capability of the direct support 105mm battery located at the fire base providing support to the maneuver element, the 105mm battery displaces a platoon of three howitzers with an FDC element to a light fire base. The platoon that is split away from the original battery position is augmented with additional communications and fire direction equipment from DS battalion resources as required. As a result of the large area covered by the split 105mm battery, the 155mm battery, normally in a GS-R role to the DS battalion, is no longer able to reinforce

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the fires of the DS units from a single battery position. This is true not only because of the need to cover a larger operational area but also due to the increased requirement for mutual support of the three gun fire support bases.

2 To meet the increased fire support requirements a composite battery is formed by attaching three 155mm howitzers to the 105mm battery thus placing three howitzers of each caliber on a selected fire support base under command of the DS 105mm battery commander. The composite battery operates a combined FDS, composed of appropriate personnel from both caliber units for efficient 24-hour operation. The firing charts of the 105mm unit are modified to include deflection indices for the 155mm howitzers M114A1. The FADAC is used to provide primary firing data and is programmed to include both 105mm and 155mm calibers.

3 The advantages and disadvantages listed below pertain in forming the composite battery.

a Advantages:

First, the two calibers can be easily and promptly massed or separate missions can be fired simultaneously. When massed the speed of adjustment and volume of fire of the 105mm howitzer is combined with the greater shock effect and bunker destruction capabilities of the 155mm howitzer.

Second, range capabilities from the respective fire support bases are enhanced, thus permitting the maneuver unit commander a greater radius of action.

Third, the mix of calibers provides flexibility to allow attack of targets by the most efficient weapon depending on the terrain, nature of target, and effect desired.

Finally, one fire direction officer can centrally control the fire of either weapons system.

b Disadvantages:

First, a greater number of helicopter sorties is required to establish the fire support base due to the weight and bulk of the howitzers and separate loading ammunition of the 155mm platoon. An increased number of sorties is also required for resupply purpose.

Second, the possibilities of gunnery errors are increased due to the production of both 105mm and 155mm range and deflection from the same firing chart. Additional training for placing the 105mm deflection indices onto the firing charts and to gain proficiency in processing simultaneously the firing data for both calibers is desired.

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(c) RECOMMENDATION: That the Field Artillery School evaluate the employment of the composite battery for inclusion in the program of instruction relating to stability operations.

(4) Air Delivery of Napalm.

(a) Observation: A new concept was sought to improve the area coverage of CH47 delivered Napalm drops.

(b) Evaluation: The method used to drop napalm from a CH47 was to sling load one or two cargo nets containing five to eight 55 gallon drums of napalm each and drop the drums from the cargo nets on the target area with an air speed of 60-65 knots. The slings were the same height from the aircraft and when dropped from the cargo hook of the CH47 tended to fall in the same area giving a coverage of about 35-40 meters in diameter. A method of improving the area coverage was desired. The solution chosen to accomplish better coverage was to sling two cargo nets one approximately five feet above the other. The first cargo net was rigged with six foot slings with one ten foot sling which is attached to the inside of the aircraft. The second cargo net is rigged with 12 foot slings with one 16 foot sling which is attached to the inside of the aircraft. Each set of slings was attached to the cargo hook of the CH47 with the longer slings being attached to the inside of the aircraft so the nets could be pulled inside the aircraft after the drums were dropped. The bottom of the net rigged with six foot slings will hang approximately seven and one half feet beneath the aircraft. The second net rigged with 12 foot slings will hang approximately 14 feet beneath the aircraft. This method of slinging and dropping napalm in 55 gallon drums resulted in an increase of approximately 80-85% in area coverage. The resulting target coverage using 10 drums of napalm, five in each net, was 40 by 75 meters.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: The method described above should be adopted when dropping 55 gallon drums of napalm from a CH47.

(5) Resources Control Check points:

(a) OBSERVATION: Resources control checkpoints are only as effective as the communications link between check points.

(b) EVALUATION: In any resources control program the effectiveness of the individual checkpoints will be directly dependent upon the amount of

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coordination and communication that takes place between two adjacent checkpoints. The vehicles should be searched and their contents radioed ahead so that any difference in the cargo will be readily noted. It is all too easy to stop along side a road and throw off supplies then destroy the bill of lading for those supplies. If there is no communication link between checkpoints, there will be no discrepancies noted for an operation such as that.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That there be more coordination between US and RVN checkpoints and especially between checkpoints of adjacent districts or provinces.

(6) Use of ARVN Troops trained and formed into aerorifle platoons for Air Cavalry missions.

(a) OBSERVATION: ARVN Platoons, called "Browns", were employed to replace Air Cav aerorifle platoons (Blues) as quick reaction forces (QRF) in cross border operations. The Browns were employed without a US Advisor, and resulting language problems caused confusion during maneuver and inhibited effective fire support.

(b) EVALUATION: ARVN Platoons from the Intelligence Reconnaissance Company of maneuver battalions were trained to operate as aerorifle platoons. To compensate for the absence of an American advisor with the "Browns", the Air Cav commander and an ARVN command representative controlled the operations from a command and control of the "Browns."

(c) RECOMMENDATION: An ARVN command representative should be OPCON to the Cav commander to assist in command and control of the Browns.

d. Training None.

e. Logistics.

(1) Processing of Enemy Documents and Material.

(a) OBSERVATION: Discrepancies in amounts of captured enemy documents and material have been noted at forward collection and analysis points.

(b) EVALUATION: Captured enemy documents and material reported, and the amount actually received by the Saigon Support Command collection agency differ greatly. Field leaders are poorly equipped and not trained to evaluate and estimate weights and measures of captured items.

(c) RECOMMENDATIONS:

1 Detailed procedures and responsibilities for document and material

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evacuation must be set down in standing operating procedures and disseminated through respective S2/S4 staff sections at all levels.

2 Transportation of captured documents and material from the field must be given immediate priority.

2 All items, once received by the Battalion S2 and S4, must be reevaluated for nomenclature, size, age, and weight. Corrections to reports must follow through channels to the most senior staff level. This enables immediate dissemination of corrections to other commands and agencies.

4 Equip field commanders with devices such as weight scales to facilitate more accurate reporting. The scale for measurement should be to the quarter ounce.

(2) Hanger Bearing Failure.

(a) OBSERVATION: An unusually large number of hanger bearing failures was being experienced with Division helicopters.

(b) EVALUATION: Investigation revealed that units involved had recently been issued steam cleaning units. Improper use of steam cleaners was responsible for the premature failure of the hanger bearings. The high temperature and pressure forced cleaning material and foreign matter past the seals into the bearing causing contamination and lubrication breakdown.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: All aircraft maintenance personnel be trained in the techniques and material to be used in cleaning aircraft. Techniques and materials are outlined in Chapter 3, TM 55-1500-204-25/1.

(3) Emergency Medical Teams.

(a) OBSERVATION: Two emergency medical teams were deployed to cover Divisional operations. The composition of these consisted of one doctor, three medical aidmen, and one radio-telephone operator.

(b) EVALUATION: In the event of mass casualties the size of this team would not be adequate.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: The composition of an emergency medical team should consist of two doctors, six medical aidmen and one radio-telephone operator.

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(4) Forward Refuel Point.

(a) OBSERVATION: A substantial amount of time is required to assemble valves, hoses, nozzles, tools, etc., necessary to establish a refuel point and palletize them for shipment aboard fixed wing aircraft.

(b) EVALUATION: The metal boxes used to transport 10,000 gallon collapsible fuel tanks make an ideal shipping container for these small items required for a refuel point. Two of these boxes can be banded on the same pallet to facilitate loading aboard aircraft.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: That organizations engaged in transporting equipment for forward refuel points utilize this technique.

(5) Consolidation of Unit Supply at Battalion Level.

(a) OBSERVATION: It was evident that there existed a more efficient method of conducting resupply operations which would release numerous personnel with MCS 11B to serve in the field.

(b) EVALUATION: Previously, resupply operations were conducted at company level, necessitating a supply sergeant, armorer, and supply clerk in the rear and a supply representative for each company at the Forward FSB in addition to the regularly assigned personnel. The consolidation of supply at battalion level eliminated unnecessary duplication of effort, decreasing the chances of administrative error, handling of equipment and laundry loss. The company supply sergeant now communicates directly with the units from the Forward FSB and coordinates directly with the Service Platoon Leader, establishing a closer rapport with the soldier in the field and his company supply sergeant.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: This program be considered for adoption by other units.

f. Communications. Use of Log Periodic Antenna. AS-2169/G.

(1) OBSERVATION: Long-range FM radio communication over hilly or heavily forested terrain very often has been required for tactical operations. In these cases the distances over which communications must be established may considerably exceed the normal specified range of the radio equipment.

(2) EVALUATION: One technique used to overcome the distance problem is the utilization of the log periodic antenna AS-2169/G. This antenna is normally used with the AN/GRC-163 multi-channel radio and would be available for employment on a limited basis down to battalion level. The log periodic antenna is directional and concentrates the

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RF output in one direction thus allowing a coverage of greater distances. One problem of using this system is that the omni-directional capability would be eliminated.

(3) RECOMMENDATION: The log periodic antenna AS-2169/G should be controlled at brigade or division level and a contingency package should be set aside for employment between headquarters when long-range FM radio is required.

#### 6. Material

##### (1) Damage to Slings.

(a) OBSERVATION: Damage to three foot slings used in conjunction with the Type IV connector link has been observed while externally transporting CONEX containers and downed aircraft by CH-47.

(b) EVALUATION: The most probable cause of sling damage is the instability of this type of load. The oscillation and rotation of the load twists the sling around the Type IV connector link causing the sling to be cut and/or burned.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: A cover be fabricated utilizing unserviceable POL hose four inches in diameter and 1/2 inch tubular nylon webbing. The sling is inserted through a ten inch section of POL hose prior to closing the Type IV connector link. After the link is closed, the POL hose is secured over the link utilizing the tubular nylon webbing.

##### (2) Health Indicator Test System (HITS).

(a) OBSERVATION: A test was made on the new Health Indicator Test System (HITS) engine testing procedures for helicopters.

(b) EVALUATION: HITS proved to be more safe, simple, and accurate than other tests.

(c) RECOMMENDATION: HITS be adopted universally to predict imminent engine failure on helicopters.

#### 7. Other. CS Munition E158R2/P3 Canister.

(1) OBSERVATION: A CS mission on 13 February 1971 using E158R2/R3 CS Canisters, one functioned inside the aircraft, filling the aircraft cabin with CS, smoke, and a flash fire. As a result three people were burned and one was lost from the aircraft.

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(2) EVALUATION: An accident investigation was conducted and determined the possible cause of the E158R2/R3 munition functioning inside the aircraft to be that the safety ring and pin assembly had been removed from all munitions before arriving at the target area and the arming wires of two munitions became entangled. As the first E158 was jettisoned from the aircraft, it removed the arming wire from a second E158 which was not observed by the bombardier/handler and the second munition functioned inside the aircraft. The E158R2/R3 CS Canister will not function if either the safety ring and pin assembly or the arming wire has not been removed. The operating procedures are to remove the safety ring pin assembly on the munition immediately prior to its being jettisoned from the aircraft. This procedure has been redefined in writing to all units and a detailed check list provided on handling, storage and employment of this munition.

(3) RECOMMENDATION: That the safety ring and pin assembly be removed from the E158 CS Canister as it is jettisoned from the aircraft and the arming wire be removed by the weight of the munition as the E158 falls away from the aircraft.

### 3. Keystone Robin Charlie Standdown

#### a. War Trophy Registration

(1) OBSERVATION: As the Division began standing down, war trophy registration increased considerably. This caused severe administrative problems and overwhelmed available registration facilities.

(2) EVALUATION: Many units failed to immediately initiate applications as the trophies were acquired. Other units due to the tactical situation elected to delay the processing of war trophies until their units actually moved to the designated standdown site. In addition, many weapons were not obtained until standdown had commenced.

#### (3) RECOMMENDATIONS:

(a) Major units nearing standdown should enlarge their registration facilities to handle unexpected influxes of war trophy registration applications.

(b) Major subordinate units should stress registration as trophies are acquired by their men.

#### b. Decentralization of Control of Personnel.

(1) OBSERVATION: Loss of control occurred where individuals, who had already been cleared, processed through Division outprocessing points, were released or ordered to return to their former parent unit because transportation for shipment to their next unit was temporarily unavailable.

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(2) EVALUATION: Unauthorized or ill-informed processing cadre often instructed personnel awaiting shipment, or had not fully processed to return to their former units. The parent unit, was often unaware that these personnel had returned to the unit area, and the shipping point lost control as well. This resulted in many enlisted men missing shipment to their next duty assignment while being beyond formal military control.

## (3) RECOMMENDATIONS:

(a) Each company/detachment should assign one officer to head a team of process controllers, with one NCO controller assigned to supervise 6-10 processes. This NCO would be responsible for knowing the status of all his personnel until they had physically shipped out.

(b) Close liaison should be established between the unit standing down and the processing agency. The unit should be provided with a shipping roster and a roster of those men who are cleared but are not scheduled to ship. Those men in the latter category must be controlled by the processing agency until the individuals are turned over to a designated unit representative.

(c) Those men cleared and requiring billets until shipment should be placed in a separate transient barracks and restricted to the limits of the billet area until shipment time.

c. Thievery

(1) OBSERVATION: The incident rate for thievery increases prior to and during standdown.

(2) EVALUATION: The explanation for the increase in thievery is two fold: First, there is an apparent feeling by thieves that the inherent confusion of standdown increases their chances of success, while decreasing their chances of being apprehended. Second, there is a tendency by some individuals and units to compensate for equipment shortages by "midnight requisitions."

## (3) RECOMMENDATIONS:

(a) Security precautions must be taken during the standdown period. The use of interior guards, dismounted military police patrols, and roving jeep patrols should be emphasized.

(b) Safes, when available, should be used for securing wallets, cameras, watches, and other valuables.

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(c) Additional storage containers/conexes should be provided with sufficient locks to insure that supply items are secured.

(d) Weapons should be cleaned and turned in at the earliest possible time.

(e) Security reminders to officers and men should continuously be incorporated into daily formations and briefings.

d. Over Classification of Standdown/Inactivation OPORD.

(1) OBSERVATION: The redeployment order was over classified thereby prohibiting subordinate units from making detailed plans and adequately briefing all personnel on the various phases of standdown/inactivation/redeployment.

(2) EVALUATION: The classification restriction imposed on the 1st CAV DIV (AM) required the order to remain "SECRET" until nearly all the units were well into standdown. Quite often key personnel were denied information needed to prepare the unit for standdown because they lacked a secret clearance.

(3) RECOMMENDATION: Units standing down or redeploying should be permitted to either classify their own standdown order as "Confidential" or be permitted to downgrade the order to "Confidential" once standdown has commenced.

e. Stockpiling Awards and Decorations.

(1) OBSERVATION: A great shortage of decorations and citations developed during standdown. Many individuals departing the Division left without having been physically presented with their earned decoration.

(2) EVALUATION: As the Division neared standdown a stockpiling of common decorations was initiated, so as to insure that an adequate number of awards would be available for presentation to departing personnel. However, the Division never received an adequate number of decorations.

(3) RECOMMENDATION: That those units singled out for standdown be given priority on requisitioning decorations.

f. A detailed analysis and discussion of Keystone Robin Charlie Standdown can be found in the FIRST TEAM After Action Report published 28 May 1971.

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THRU: Commanding General, US Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHDO-DO, APO 96375

Commander-In-Chief, US Army Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-DT, APO 96538

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of  
the Army, Washington, D.C. 20310

1. (U) This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report - Lessons Learned for the period ending 30 April 1971 from Headquarters, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile).

2. (C) Comments follow:

a. Reference item concerning Control of Woodcutters; page 48, para 2c (1). The recommended method of controlling wood cutters is appropriate for small scale logging operations. In other cases a more effective system has been to establish checkpoints on access routes at the outskirts of logging villages. Workers and vehicles are then required to pass through these checkpoints as they depart for and return from work. In any system the weak link is the vulnerability of indigenous personnel manning the checkpoints to bribery and graft.

b. Reference item concerning Employment of a Composite 105/155mm Battery, page 49, para 2c. The decision to use split batteries is directly related to the nature of the enemy threat. When the enemy operates in small, dispersed formations, the necessity to mass artillery is largely negated. To increase artillery coverage without unnecessary moves in such an environment, the split battery concept is valid. Against large scale regular forces the concept is not applicable.

c. Reference item concerning Air Delivery of Napalm, page 51, para 2c (4); concur. This method is the most effective method when drums must be sling loaded. Internal loading and single drum dropping, as mentioned in II FFV ORLL, will yield a larger dispersion pattern but a less intense fire. When internal loading is not used or an intense flame is desired, the varied sling method is highly effective.

d. Reference item concerning Resources Control Check Point, page 51, para 2c (5); concur. This recommendation was offered to the National Police and implemented during November 1970. The problem then as it is now is ineffectiveness of communications. Another problem results from personnel that lack integrity using these communications. Resource Control Check Points are only as effective as the integrity of the personnel manning them.

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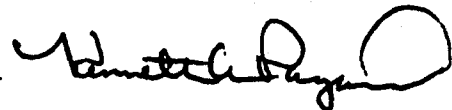
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e. Reference item concerning Health Indicator Test System (HITS), page 55, para 2g (1); concur. Recognizing the man-hour savings and the increased safety resulting from its use, representatives of AVCO-Lycoming and Allison turbine engine divisions are closely monitoring the use of HITS. Reports on field experience with the system are being submitted to USAAVNC, Fort Rucker, Alabama, and to the manufacturers for further evaluation. Conversation with the aircraft maintenance representatives of the 3d Bde (Sep), 1st Cav Div (AM), revealed that action is being contemplated to brief all major units on the use and value of the HITS system. TRAC will monitor and take necessary action to insure the widest distribution of this information.

f. Reference items concerning CS Munition E158 R2/R3 Canister, page 55, para 2h; concur. The 1st Cav Div (AM) published an updated SOP emphasizing the safety requirements for munition employment to include when the safety pins are removed from the munitions. The new SOP is in agreement with TM 3-1325-237-12. Because this is the first incident of its kind with the E158 munition, no further action is necessary as long as the procedures in the TM are followed.

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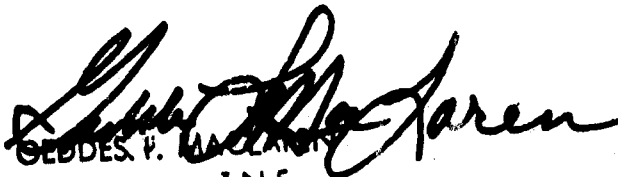
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Headquarters, United States Army Vietnam, APO San Francisco 96375 27 JUN 1971

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-FD,  
APO 96558

This Headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the period ending 30 April 1971 from Headquarters, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and concurs with comments of indorsing headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

  
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HQ, US Army, Pacific, APO San Francisco 96558 18 AUG 1971

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development,  
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This headquarters concurs in subject report as indorsed.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

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1. As of 28 February 1971:

1ST BDE

2-12 Cav  
1-7 Cav  
2-7 Cav  
1-12 Cav  
2-19 FA (-)(105)(US)  
B/1-21 FA (105)(US)  
C/1-77 (105)(US)  
A/8 Engr (US)  
Det/A/13 Sig (US)  
Det/B/191 MI (US)

2ND BDE

5-7 Cav  
1-8 Cav  
1-77 FA (-) (105)(US)  
B/8 Engr (US)  
Det/A/13 Sig (US)  
Det/C/191 MI (US)

3RD BDE

1-5 Cav  
2-5 Cav  
2-8 Cav  
2-11 ACR TF  
1-21 FA (-)(105)(US)  
C/8 Engr (US)  
C/2-19 FA (105)(US)  
Det/A/13 Sig (US)  
Det/A/191 MI (US)

DIV TROOPS

11 CAG  
227. AHB  
228. ASHD  
229. MHD  
11 Avn Co (GS)

1-9 ACS  
H/75 Inf (Rngr)  
62 Inf Plt (CT)

3-17 ACS(-)  
25 Inf Plt (SU)  
34 Inf Plt (SU)  
37 Inf Plt (SU)

8 Engr (-)  
13 Sig Bn  
545 MP Co  
184 Chml Plt  
26 Chml Plt  
191 MI Co (-)

14 MH Det

41 and 42 PI Det.

HHC 1st Cav Div (MI) (Rear)(Prov)

FTA (Prov)

Pers Svcs Co (Prov)

15 Admin Co

Operational Location #2, 5th Weather Squadron (USAF)

DIVARTY

2-20 AFA (GS)  
1-30 FA (GS)  
R/(AVN)/82 FA (US)

SUPPORTING ARTILLERY

A/2-12 FA (155)(GS)  
B/6-27 FA (8"/175)(SP)(GS)  
A/5-42 FA (155)(GS)  
A/7-8 FA (-)(8") (SP)(GS)  
B/5-42 FA (155)(GS)(POF)  
Binh Tuy Prov)  
A/5-2 (155)(GS)

DISCOM

HHC and Band  
15 Med Bn  
15 SAS Bn  
15 Trans Bn  
27 Maint Bn

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2. As of 10 April 1971:

3RD BDE (SEP)

2-5 Cav  
1-7 Cav  
2-8 Cav  
D/3-17 ACS  
1-12 Cav  
34 Inf Plt (SD)  
2-11 ACR (-)  
B/1-9 Cav (+)  
Bde Rngr Plt  
1-21 Arty (+)(105)  
A/2-19 Arty (105)  
C/2-20 Arty (AFA)  
229 Avn Bn (Composite)  
C/8 Engr  
Cmd Ops Co (Sig)  
Det/D/191 MI (DS)  
CSSB  
14th MH Det  
MP Plt

SUPPORTING ARTY

A/2-12 Arty (155) (GSR 3rd Bde Arty)  
B(-)/2-12 Arty (155) (GSR 3rd Bde Arty)  
A(-)/5-42 Arty (155) (GS)(POF LONG KHANH)  
A(-)/7-8 Arty (8"/175) (SP)(GSR 3rd Bde Arty)  
B/5-42 Arty (155)(GS)(POF BINH TUY)

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TAB B: Friendly Order of Battle

1st Cav Div (AM) Friendly Order of Battle as of 282400 February 1971.

UNIT	PROVINCE	STATION	COORD	CONTROL HQ
II FFV	BIEN HOA	LONG BINH	YT051111	COMUSMACV
1ST CAV DIV (AM)	BINH DUONG	PHUOC VINH	XT967490	II FFV
1ST BUE	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	XT990130	HQ, 1ST CAV DIV (AM)
1-7 CAV	LONG KHANH	ARESS	YT492665	1ST BUE
1-12 CAV	LAM DONG	POWDER RIDGE	YT818789	1ST BUE
2-7 CAV	LONG KHANH	SHERMAN	YT216369	1ST BUE
2ND BUE	PHUOC LONG	BUTTONS	YU140070	HQ, 1ST CAV DIV (AM)
1-8 CAV	PHUOC LONG	BETTY	YU245289	2ND BUE
2-12 CAV	BINH DUONG	PHUOC VINH	XT967490	1ST BUE
5-7 CAV	PHUOC LONG	SNUFFY	YU337362	2ND BUE
3RD BUE	LONG KHANH	MACE	YT626115	HQ, 1ST CAV DIV (AM)
1-5 CAV	BINH TUY	APACHE	YT733247	3RD BUE
2-8 CAV	LONG KHANH	FOUNTAIN	YS804953	3RD BUE
2-5 CAV	BINH TUY	SANDRA	ZT096195	3RD BUE
DIVARTY	BINH DUONG	PHUOC VINH	XT962490	HQ, 1ST CAV DIV (AM)
2-19 ARTY	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	YT026156	DIVARTY
2-20 ARTY (AFA)	BINH DUONG	PHUOC VINH	XT968490	DIVARTY
1-21 ARTY (105T)	LONG KHANH	MACE	YT628125	DIVARTY
1-30 ARTY	BINH DUONG	PHUOC VINH	XT972492	DIVARTY
1-77 ARTY (105T)	PHUOC VINH	BUTTONS	YU140070	DIVARTY
E-82 (AVN)	BINH DUONG	PHUOC VINH	XT968490	DIVARTY
1-9 CAV	BINH DUONG	PHUOC VINH	XT967490	HQ, 1ST CAV DIV (AM)
8TH ENGR	BINH DUONG	PHUOC VINH	XT954488	HQ, 1ST CAV DIV (AM)
11TH AVN GP	BINH DUONG	PHUOC VINH	XT962500	HQ, 1ST CAV DIV (AM)
11TH GS CO	BINH DUONG	PHUOC VINH	XT962500	11TH AVN GP
227TH AVN BN	BINH DUONG	PHUOC VINH	XT962500	11TH AVN GP
228TH AVN BN	BINH DUONG	PHUOC VINH	XT962500	11TH AVN GP
229TH AVN BN	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	XT990130	11TH AVN GP
13TH SIG BN	BINH DUONG	PHUOC VINH	XT965486	HQ, 1ST CAV DIV (AM)
CO H (RANGER)	BINH DUONG	PHUOC VINH	XT966492	HQ, 1ST CAV DIV (AM)
2-11 ACR	BINH TUY	BOLAN	YS982968	3RD BUE
AIR CAV TRP	BIEN HOA	DI AN	XT903073	HQ, 1ST CAV DIV (AM)
919TH ENGR	BIEN HOA	DI AN	XT903073	HQ, 1ST CAV DIV (AM)

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UNIT	PROVINCE	STATION	COORD	CONTROL HQ
11 FFORCEV	BIEN HOA	LONG BINH	YT051111	COMUSMACV
3RD BDE(SEP),				
1ST CAV DIV(AM)	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	XT990130	11 FFORCEV
2-5 CAV	LONG KHANH	MACE	YT628111	3RD BDE (SEP)
1-7 CAV	LONG KHANH	MACE	YT628111	3RD BDE (SEP)
2-8 CAV	LONG KHANH	FONTAINE	YS804953	3RD BDE (SEP)
1-12 CAV	BINH DUONG	PHUOC VINH	XT967490	3RD BDE (SEP)
1-21 ARTY (+)	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	XT990130	3RD BDE (SEP)
2-19 ARTY(105)	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	XT990130	1-21 ARTY (+)
C/2-20 ARTY(AFA)	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	XT990130	1-21 ARTY (+)
R/1-9 CAV(+)	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	XT990130	3RD BDE (SEP)
229 AVN BN(COMP)	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	YT990130	3RD BDE (SEP)
34 INF PLAT(SU)	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	XT990130	3RD BDE (SEP)
BDE RGR PLAT	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	XT990130	3RD BDE (SEP)
C/S ENGR	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	XT990130	3RD BDE (SEP)
2-11 SCR	BINH TUY	BOLAN	YS982968	3RD BDE (SEP)
DET 9 (SIG)	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	XT990130	3RD BDE (SEP)
DET/D/191 MI(US)	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	XT990130	3RD BDE (SEP)
CSSE	BIEN HOA	BIEN HOA	XT990130	3RD BDE (SEP)

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## UNIT

## PROBABLE LOCATION AS OF 10 APRIL

- |                               |                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. 33rd NVA Regiment HQ       | Vicinity Nui Ong (ZT 0325)       |
| a. 1st Bn                     | Co-located with HQ Elements      |
| b. 2nd Bn                     | South of Binh Tuy (P) Rice Bowl  |
| c. 3rd Bn                     | South of Nui Chau Chan (YS 6399) |
| 2. SR-5 HQ                    | Southwestern War Zone D          |
| 3. MR-7 HQ                    | Vicinity Nui Be (YS 8592)        |
| 4. 81st Rear Service Group HQ | Northern War Zone D              |
| 5. Rear Service Group MR-7 HQ | Vicinity Nui Be (YS 8592)        |
| 6. Ba Long (P) HQ             | Vicinity Nui May Tae (YS 7391)   |

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1. Terrain - The terrain in the FIRST TEAM AO is generally flat. Binh Duong Province has rice paddies and marsh lands to the south rising to the west and a mountain range dominating the northeast. The Province is heavily vegetated, primarily with multi-canopied forest. The northern portion of Long Khanh Province is for the most part heavily forested and steep, while in the south, the Province is relatively flat with scattered rubber plantations. Binh Tuy Province is lightly vegetated and is highlighted by the 1302 meter high Nui Ong and the Rice Bowl, both located in the north central portion of the province. Three rivers - the Song Be, the Dong Nai, and the La Nga flow through the FIRST TEAM AO and present an obstacle to ground movement due to their depth and steep banks. Three mountains are prominent in the area: Nui Ba Ra, Nui Chan, and Nui Ong.

## 2. Weather

a. Weather during November 1970 was somewhat more severe than usual. The best weather of the month occurred during the period 1 - 8 November, the worst problem during this time being occasional occurrences of dense fog during the early morning hours. Fog was particularly prevalent on 7 November. During these eight days, the wind flow was from the north northeast and the air was relatively dry. After 8 November, the wind shifted more to the east, the moisture content of the air increased, and the monsoonal trough moved north of its usual position. These factors caused an increase in the amount of cloudiness and the amount of shower activity throughout the remainder of the month with the exception of the period 19-23 November, when almost no shower activity developed.

Even though the weather during the month was somewhat worse than expected, the detrimental effect of weather on operations was minimal. Morning fog did not usually cover a majority of the AO and was generally gone by 0900H. Shower activity was light for the most part, was seldom accompanied by low ceilings, and was generally a late afternoon or early nighttime feature. Thus, the majority of hours during the month were characterized by good weather.

b. During the month of December 1970, Military Region 3 was under the influence of the Northeast monsoonal flow. The month can be divided into two distinct parts, wet and dry. During the first half of the month the equatorial trough was north of its usual position for December. Even though it was 300 miles south of RVN, it still produced the instability needed to cause daily late-afternoon and early evening showers in the 1st Cav AO. By the middle of the month, this trough had moved further south towards the equator, thus depriving our area of any significant shower activity. Cloudiness was mainly scattered cumuliform with a thin cirrus shield covering most of the AO during the daylight hours.

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Occurrences of fog were related to the rainfall pattern. During the first half of the month, the northern portion of the AO experienced patchy areas of early morning fog, while the southern portion usually had widespread dense fog. During the second half of the month, the northern half of the AO rarely had fog, while the southern portion had patchy areas of fog almost every day. The time of fog breakup in the first half of the month was 1000H-1100H., while the time in the last part of the month was 0900-1000H.

On 26 December, a surge pushed down from the north, creating an area of 30-40 knot winds just off the coast of IIR-3. This area of strong winds maintained itself through the end of December and as a result, much of the Cav AO experienced gusty surface winds and frequent turbulence aloft during hours of daylight.

c. The weather during January was generally very good. The most significant weather problem during the month was the occurrence of early morning fog, mainly in Binh Tuy and Long Khanh Provinces. Haze and smoke were trapped in a layer between 1000 and 5000 feet, restricting inflight visibilities to occasionally less than three miles during daylight hours. Surface winds during the first ten days of the month were relatively strong and occasionally gusty, particularly on 3 and 8 January. Strong, occasionally gusty southerly winds were observed on 26-30 January between 1900 and 2200H. These southerly winds were the result of the sea breeze and are common during this time of year. Clouds were mainly scattered during the month. On 19-21 January, stratocumulus ceilings were observed during the early morning, but only lasted until 0900-1000H each day. On several days, a cirrus shield developed, thus inhibiting the formation of lower clouds.

d. Mostly favorable weather conditions prevailed over the AO during February. Skies were generally fair to partly cloudy with cirrus clouds, based at 30,000 feet being the predominant sky cover. Scattered cumulus clouds, usually formed during the morning, occasionally became broken ceilings with bases 3000 to 4000 feet during the afternoon and dissipated by 2000H. Restricted visibility due to fog and haze continued to be a major weather problem. The visibility during daylight hours was usually three to seven miles with haze. Patchy conditions of visibility one half to three miles in fog and haze occurred during the early morning hours. During the period 14-17 February, there was increased cloudiness over the AO with broken overcast ceilings generally based from 9000 to 13000 feet. From the 23rd to the 27th, unseasonable southeasterly flow at all levels up to 20,000 feet carried moist unstable air over the AO. This caused thunderstorms and rainshowers during the afternoon and evening and increased fog and stratus during the early morning. Winds were generally light and variable, becoming southerly with occasional

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gusts to 17 knots during the afternoon. Gusting surface winds occurred in the vicinity of thunderstorms and rainshowers.

e. During March little day-to-day change occurred in the weather. Poor visibility in fog and haze continued to be the main weather problem over the AO. Skies were generally fair to partly cloudy with ceilings of 3000 feet, or greater, except for low ceilings in patchy stratus between 0500H and 1000H and in isolated thunderstorms and rainshowers during the late afternoon and evening. Winds were variable at 5-15 knots during the month with variable gusts to 25 knots vicinity thunderstorms. Northeasterly winds gusting 20-30 knots occurred between 1 and 15 March.

3. Observed Weather at Phuoc Ninh.

- a. Maximum Temperatures: November: 93  
December: 93  
January: 92  
February: 98  
March: 102
- b. Minimum Temperature: November: 70  
December: 62  
January: 61  
February: 62  
March: 66
- c. Morning Relative Humidity: November: 95%  
December: 94%  
January: 92%  
February: 92%  
March: 93%
- d. Afternoon Relative Humidity: November: 60%  
December: 58%  
January: 61%  
February: 47%  
March: 46%
- e. Rainfall: November: 6.60 Inches  
December: 4.92 Inches  
January: 0 Inches  
February: .91 Inches  
March: 1.15 Inches

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f. Maximum Density Altitude: November: 2910 Feet  
December: 2830 Feet  
January: 2720 Feet  
February: 3090 Feet  
March: 3370 Feet

g. Minimum Density Altitude: November: 1210 Feet  
December: 800 Feet  
January: 500 Feet  
February: 730 Feet  
March: 1080 Feet

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TAB E: Surveillance Information

1. (C) Surveillance Operations

a. Mission Statistics for the period 1 November to 10 April 1971

<u>MISSION TYPE</u>	<u>SCHD/COMP</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
IR	293/259	1052 Hotspots
SLAR	128/119	82 MTIs
YO-3A	182/151	98 Sightings
Photo (Mohawk)	25/25	32 Targets
Photo (Air Force)	4/4	14 Targets

b. General Comments

(1) IR - 88% completed; 2.7% aborted due to bad weather; 6.2% aborted due to sensor malfunction; 2% aborted due to higher priority missions; and, 1.1% aborted due to other A/C problems.

(2) SLAR - 92.9% of missions completed; 6.2% aborted due to sensor malfunction; and, 9% aborted due to other A/C problems

(3) YO-3A - 82.9% of missions completed; 2.7% aborted due to weather; 8.7% aborted due to A/C problems; 3.7% aborted due to sensor malfunction; and, 2% aborted due to higher priority missions.

(4) Photo

(a) Mohawk - 25 completed missions

(b) Air Force - 4 completed missions

2. (C) Ground Sensor Surveillance

a. Sensor Activations: 220

b. Sensors emplaced: 346

c. Sensors turned over to ARVN: 113 (all to 5th ARVN Division)

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TAB F: Intelligence Activities (191st Military Intelligence Company Operations)

1. The following data is submitted for the period 1 November 1970 - 10 April 1971.

a. Background Investigations:

- (1) Cases on hand at beginning of reporting period: 0
- (2) Cases received during reporting period: 29
- (3) Cases closed during reporting period: 27
- (4) Cases on hand at end of reporting period: 2
- (5) Cases processed past suspense dates: 7
- (6) Leads completed: 110

b. Security Services:

- (1) Announced Security Inspections: 28
- (2) Courtesy inspections and checks: 35
- (3) Unannounced Security Checks: 23
- (4) Unannounced Sanitary fill checks: 97 (This includes sweeps of former unit locations)
- (5) IG Inspections: 11
- (6) Fingerprinting: 241
- (7) Technical services: 113
- (c) DAME - 69
- (b) DASE - 1
- (c) Photo - 43

c. Liaison Contacts:

- (1) Local GV Officials: 378
- (2) Military Officials: 884

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(3) Other: 310

d. Intelligence files Checked: 610

e. Interrogations: 481

(1) NVA - 24

(2) VC - 350

(3) VCI - 2

(4) Detainees - 105

(5) Escaped GVN Officials - 0

f. Detainees: 1188

(1) PW - 28

(2) Returnees - 221

(3) CD - 152

(4) WR - 376

(5) IC - 411

g. Documents: 509 Batches (1082 in)

h. Brightlight Reports: 3

i. Collections:

(1) Overt:

(a) Spot Reports: 46

(b) Translations: 37

(2) Covert: 3

(3) ICAPS: 3

j. Personnel Security Actions: (PSI only)

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TAB F: Intelligence Activities (191st Military Intelligence Company  
Operations) (Cont)

- (1) Number of Validations: 3228
    - (a) Top Secret - 225
    - (b) Secret - 3003
    - (c) Confidential - 0
  - (2) Interim Clearance granted:
    - (a) Interim Top Secret - 12
    - (b) Interim Secret - 83
  - (3) Cryptographic Access granted: 0
  - (4) Requests for USAIRM checks submitted: 391
  - (5) Local File Checks: 7172
    - (a) 201 - 7097
    - (b) PMO - 52
    - (c) Medical - 23
  - (6) Requests for BI's Submitted: 40
  - (7) Request for NACs submitted: 105
2. Other items of significance not covered by paragraph above: None

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TAB G: Training/Combat Developments

## 1. Division Training

a. The FIRST TEAM Academy conducted individual training for all incoming replacements. A total of 14,201 United States officers and men underwent training during the reporting period in such diverse courses of instruction as Replacement Training, Sniper School, Combat Leadership Course, and Mines and Booby Trap Training. In addition the Academy presented various types of instruction to 355 ARVN soldiers to include Kit Carson, airmobile, and leadership training.

(1) Sniper School: 14

(2) Combat Leadership Course: 308

(3) Kit Carson Scouts: 42

b. The Replacement Training Detachment trained 324 USARV troops and 8473 troops assigned to the FIRST TEAM.

c. Three classes of Popular Force (PF) troops attended the PFNCO School established on 1 February 1971. The courses terminated 1 March with 150 Vietnamese successfully completing the training.

d. A Mines and Booby Trap Training Course was initiated on 22 February 1971. Training was conducted for rifle/reconnaissance platoons of the 1st Bde, 3rd Bde and 2nd Sqdn 11th ACR. The training consisted of a 3 hour block of instruction, including 2 hours of practical work, designed to familiarize Skytroopers with methods of detecting and avoiding enemy mines and booby traps. A total of 2064 troops received this training.

e. A short replacement training cycle was initiated by the FIRST TEAM for those soldiers assigned to the 1st Cav Div (AM) from redeploying units. Over 2973 replacements from the 4th, 9th, and 25th Infantry Divisions as well as men from the 199th Light Infantry Brigade received the short cycle training before final assignment within the FIRST TEAM.

## 2. Non-Divisional Training Programs and Schools. Utilization of USARV schools by the FIRST TEAM is as follows:

a. UH-1 IP/SIP: 24

b. OH-6A IP/SIP: 15

c. AH-1G IP/SIP: 13

d. Radar Operator: 27

e. Radar Maintenance: 7

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- f. 106 Operator: 6
- g. 106 Maintenance: 6
- h. OH-6A Helicopter Repair: 29
- i. UH-1 Helicopter Repair: 40
- j. CH-47 Helicopter Repair: 9
- k. T53-L13 Engine Repair (UH-1): 25
- l. T53-L7 Engine Repair (CH-47): 8
- m. Technical Inspector: 23
- n. Aviation Supply: 42
- o. Armament AH-1G (Officer): 15
- p. Armament AH-1G (En): 12

3. Combat Development: During the reporting period the only equipment under evaluation was the LORAN Retransmission System, Phase II (LORES II). This system is a composition of electronic equipment using retransmitted LORAN signals. It provides a means for a commander to locate friendly personnel positions in a standard grid system (UTM Coordinates) and to provide navigational assistance to helicopters. The airborne equipment is designed for installation in a Light Observation Helicopter (LOH). It selectively provides instantaneous UTM Coordinates of the helicopter, or steering data to enable the pilot to fly to a designated location. Equipment consists of a LORE air unit to retransmit LORAN to base station, a UHF data link to receive coordinates or steering information, and in the cockpit, a control panel and a display panel. The retransmission system was originally installed in Nui Chue Chan with the LORE sets installed on Scout Aircraft of B Troop, 1st Squadron 9th Air Cavalry. The system has proven to be quite effective.

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TAB H: Key Personnel Roster

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<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>DATE ASSG DUTY</u>
CG	MG GEORGE W. PUTNAM, JR.	21 JUL 70
AUC-A	BG JONATHAN R. BURTON	15 JUN 70
AUC-B	BG ARTHUR L. HYMAN	16 OCT 70
AUC-A	COL JAMES F. HAMLET	6 MAR 71
AUC-B	COL RICHARD L. HARRIS	7 MAR 71
Chief of Staff	COL GEORGE E. NEWMAN	23 SEP 70
G1	LTC THOMAS W. BROGAN	19 AUG 70
G1	LTC ROBERT C. ALLEN	17 DEC 70
G1	MAJ WALTER R. GOOD	5 APR 71
G2	LTC JOHN KIZIRIAN	30 JUN 70
G3	LTC MAURICE O. EDMONDS	13 OCT 70
G3	LTC EARL PERRY	10 APR 71
G4	LTC JOHN KLINGELHOFFER	29 AUG 70
G4	MAJ ERNEST E. DEACH	10 APR 71
G5	LTC EDWARD L. TROBAUGH	17 OCT 70
G5	MAJ WAYNE D. TAYLOR	14 FEB 71
CO, 1ST BDE	COL ROBERT STEVENSON	16 AUG 70
CO, 2ND BDE	COL CHESTER MCCOY	14 AUG 70
CO, 2ND BDE	COL WILLIAM C. LOUISELL	5 DEC 70
CO, 2ND BDE	COL RICHARD A. MAEGER	27 FEB 71
CO, 3RD BDE	COL BILLY VAUGHN	12 SEP 70
CO, 3RD BDE	COL WILLIAM C. LOUISELL	28 FEB 71
CO, 1/8TH CAV	LTC NEW EASTERLING, JR.	1 NOV 70
CO, 1/8TH CAV	LTC WILLIS G. BACON	23 JAN 71
CO, 1/8TH CAV	LTC EDWARD L. TROBAUGH	14 FEB 71
CO, 2/8TH CAV	LTC ROBERT MOORE	7 OCT 70
CO, 2/8TH CAV	LTC WILLIS G. BACON	16 FEB 71
CO, 1/12TH CAV	LTC GUY MELOY	30 SEP 70
CO, 1/5TH CAV	LTC WILLIAM BURKHARDT	3 JUL 70
CO, 1/5TH CAV	LTC RICHARD KATTAR	12 JAN 71
CO, 2/5TH CAV	LTC LEONARD WISHART	14 AUG 70
CO, 2/12TH CAV	MAJ(P) PHILIP FRYOR	1 AUG 70
CO, 1/7TH CAV	LTC ANTHONY LABROZZI	22 JUN 70
CO, 1/7TH CAV	LTC ALFRED SPRY	8 JAN 71
CO, 2/7TH CAV	LTC DALE VESSER	9 OCT 70
CO, 5/7TH CAV	LTC DONALD GELKE	24 SEP 70
CO, 1/9TH CAV	LTC(P) ROBERT NEVINS	4 AUG 70
CO, 1/9TH CAV	LTC CARL M. PUTNAM	3 JAN 71
CO, DIVARTY	COL JAMES CANNON	28 SEP 70
CO, DIVARTY	LTC ROBERT COTTLE	28 FEB 71
CO, 2/19TH ARTY	LTC VINCENT FALTER	5 AUG 70
CO, 2/20TH ARTY	LTC ALBERT TOEPEL	1 AUG 70
CO, 1/21ST ARTY	MAJ ANTHONY POKORNY	27 AUG 70
CO, 1/21ST ARTY	LTC CARL VUONO	13 FEB 71

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<u>POSITION</u>	<u>RANK AND NAME</u>	<u>DATE ASGD DUTY</u>
CO, 1/30TH ARTY	LTC ROBERT GREENE	22 JUN 70
CO, 1/30TH ARTY	LTC ROBERT BASHA	15 DEC 70
CO, 1/77TH ARTY	LTC WALLACE HUNT	15 JUN 70
CO, 1/77TH ARTY	MAJ GEORGE KRAUSZ	13 FEB 71
CO, 11TH AVN GP	COL JAMES F. HAMLET	21 JUL 70
CO, 11TH AVN GP	LTC EDWARD G. WALDRON	6 MAR 71
CO, 11TH AVN GP	COL JAMES F. HAMLET	10 APR 71
CO, 227TH AHB	LTC JOHN ISLIN	8 MAY 70
CO, 227TH AHB	LTC GEORGE MARTIN	5 FEB 71
CO, 228TH ASHB	LTC EDWARD G. WALDRON	11 JUN 70
CO, 228TH ASHB	LTC ROBERT PATE	3 JAN 71
CO, 229TH AHB	LTC HENRY STEIN	16 OCT 70
CO, DISCOM	COL RICHARD L. HARRIS	30 SEP 70
CO, DISCOM	LTC ROBERT B. HOPPE	7 MAR 71
CO, 15TH TC	LTC FRANCIS TONER	22 JUN 70
CO, 15TH TC	LTC LEONARD B. CRAIN	11 DEC 70
CO, 15TH S&S	LTC CLIFTON HORN	24 OCT 70
CO, 27TH MAINT	LTC RONALD PHILIPP	25 SET 70
CO, 27TH MAINT	MAJ DONALD KENDALL	10 APR 71
CO, 15TH MED	LTC QUINN BECKER	5 JUN 70
CO, 15TH MED	MAJ JOSSE GRIFFITH	2 FEB 71
CO, 13TH SIG	LTC ROBERT LYNN	23 JUL 70
CO, 8TH ENGR	LTC HOMER JOHNSTONE	5 JUL 70

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TAB I: G1 Activities

## 1. DIVISION STRENGTH REPORT:

	30 Nov 70	31 Dec 70	31 Jan 71	28 Feb 71	31 Mar 71	10 Apr 71
<u>OFFICER</u>						
AUTH:	1359	1359	1359	1359	1359	1359
ASG:	1541	1590	1555	1443	1030	289
<u>WARRANT OFFICER</u>						
AUTH:	701	701	701	701	701	701
ASG:	649	598	586	525	383	73
<u>ENLISTED</u>						
AUTH:	18013	18013	18013	18013	18013	18013
ASG:	18517	18517	18713	17337	12061	2508

## 2. CASUALTY STATISTICS:

	<u>HOSTILE</u>			<u>NON-HOSTILE</u>	
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>DEATH</u>	<u>INJURY</u>
NOV 70	5	0	76	5	75
DEC 70	10	0	69	10	71
JAN 71	17	0	149	6	72
FEB 71	22	2	104	5	107
MAR 71	11	4	66	11	51
10 APR 71	1	0	8	0	10

## 3. REENLISTMENTS AND EXTENSIONS:

November 1970

- 2 First Term extended enlistment.
- 0 AUS recalled to active duty as enlisted recruits.
- 2 Career RA extended enlistment.
- Reenlistments accomplished during this period are shown below:

<u>DIVISION OBJECTIVE</u>	<u>REENL</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
173	56	30.4

December 1970

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- 0
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<u>DIVISION OBJECTIVE</u>	<u>REENL</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
173	56	30.4

January 1971

- a. 2
- b. 0
- c. 2
- d. Same as above

<u>DIVISION OBJECTIVE</u>	<u>REENL</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
185	66	35.7

February 1971

- a. 4
- b. 0
- c. 2
- d. Same as above

<u>DIVISION OBJECTIVE</u>	<u>REENL</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
187	96	51.3

March 1971

- a. 3
- b. 0
- c. 3
- d. Same as above

<u>DIVISION OBJECTIVE</u>	<u>REENL</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
151	108	71.5

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- a. 0

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b. 0

c. 1

d. Same as above

<u>DIVISION OBJECTIVE</u>	<u>REENL</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
96	6	06.2

4. ENLISTED PROMOTIONS STATISTICS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
E-9							
E-8							
E-7			1		3	1	5
E-6	23		11	3	19	9	65
E-5	303	386	420	482	423	327	2341
E-4	621	573	371	730	1131	810	4236
TOTAL	947	959	803	1215	1576	1147	6647

5. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

This report does not include those awards processed by this headquarters pending approval from higher headquarters.

<u>VALOR AWARDS</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>
Silver Star	33	20	34	34	53	2
Distinguished Flying Cross	39	51	56	104	169	18
Soldiers Medal	13	16	10	8	12	0
Bronze Star with "V"	129	153	199	169	128	4
Air Medal with "V"	25	39	49	61	111	6
ARCOM with "V"	273	171	296	363	243	9

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Bronze Star	1761	1834	2460	1467	5647	93
Air Medal	1061	2322	383	2211	925	174
ARCOM	1528	1422	1872	1925	6419	101
Purple Heart	19	53	25	152	87	34

6. SPECIAL SERVICES ACTIVITIES:

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## a. Entertainment

## Statistical Breakdown:

<u>SHOW</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>FWD PERF</u>	<u>REAR PERF</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Two for the Show	9 Nov 70	2	0	2
Roy Acuff	25 Nov 70	1	1	2
Colorado Kappa Pickers	16 Dec 70	2	0	2
Mouse of Me	21 Dec 70	2	0	2
Johnny Grant	23 Dec 70	2	0	2
Barefoot in the Park	27 Dec 70	1	0	1
NCAA Football	2 Jan 71	4	0	4
Skip Young	4 Jan 71	4	0	4
Dean Davis	8-9 Jan 71	4	0	4
Johnny Nichols	14 Jan 71	3	0	3
Mary Grove and Elaine Shore	25 Jan 71	4	0	4
Daniel & Friends	26 Jan 71	2	0	2
Hot Ice	27 Jan 71	2	0	2
In Crowd	2 Feb 71	2	0	2
Miss Black America	5-6 Feb 71	3	1	4
NFL Football	8 Feb 71	4	0	4
Ray Camache	15 Feb 71	2	0	2
Sebastian Cabot	25 Feb 71	4	0	4
3rd Alarm	6 Mar 71	1	1	2
Billie Bird	15 Mar 71	1	1	2
Dalton Fuller	21-22 Mar 71	3	1	4
Ina Balin	24 Mar 71	0	1	1
SS&W Tonic	27 Mar 71	0	2	2
Odessa Perkins	30-31 Mar 71	3	1	4
Teacher's Edition	3-4 Apr 71	2	2	4
		58	11	69
PERCENTAGE		84%	16%	100%

b. Narrative: 1st Cav Special Services has the mission of providing for the welfare and enhancing the morale of "Skytroopers" throughout the Division. To accomplish this mission, the Special Services Officer relies on activities in four major areas: live entertainment, 16mm free motion pictures, post, camp and station facilities, and special issue items of supply. Each of these activities has been highly successful. For example, during the reporting period Special Services has scheduled for the Division the following: nearly 200 live performances by USO Shows, Command Touring Shows, and Special Services Touring Shows; has daily distributed 115 different motion pictures; has had an average weekly attendance of 5,000 at its two service clubs; and has issued a complete authorization of athletic and recreation equipment to every unit in the division.

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## 7. R&amp;R UTILIZATION

R&R Site	Alloc	NOV	Pct	Alloc	DEC	Pct	Alloc	JAN	Pct
		Used			Used			Used	
Hawaii	436	489	112%	334	361	108%	451	510	113%
Sydney	335	483	144%	264	314	119%	267	411	154%
Bangkok	239	284	115%	180	213	117%	178	308	173%
Taipei	125	92	73%	103	94	91%	120	193	160%
Hong Kong	170	194	114%	132	133	101%	141	195	138%
TOTALS	1305	1542	118%	1013	1025	101%	1157	1617	139%
R&R Site	Alloc	FEB	Pct	Alloc	MAR	Pct	Alloc	APR	Pct
		Used			Used			Used	
Hawaii	386	501	127%	441	349	79%	123	87	71%
Sydney	278	324	115%	357	321	89%	60	70	116%
Bangkok	224	385	171%	269	251	93%	66	64	97%
Taipei	166	263	158%	96	66	68%	24	19	79%
Hong Kong	124	168	135%	168	138	82%	38	39	102%
TOTALS	1178	1641	138%	1331	1125	84%	311	279	89%

## 8. POSTAL ACTIVITIES:

a. A comparison of the business conducted by the Division APO by month is indicated below:

TYPE OF BUSINESS

	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
Money Order Sales:	\$841,859.24	\$851,575.49	\$831,764.08	\$877,901.11	\$596,686.41
Stamp Stocks:	\$23,940.00	\$25,334.00	\$15,060.00	\$31,665.00	\$30,635.00
Postage Meter Funds:	0	0	0	0	0
Total Pieces of Mail:					
Receiving Directory Svc:	25,006	34,186	25,178	20,253	21,605

b. Total business conducted during entire period:

Money Order Sales:	\$3,999,786.33
Stamp Sales:	\$126,634.00
Postage Meter Sales:	0
Total Directory Svc:	126,228.00

## 9. AER REPORT:

MONTH	NUMBER	TOTAL
November		
Grants Approved	0	
Loans Approved	2	\$375.00
Total Assistance	2	\$375.00

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<u>MONTH</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
December		
Grants Approved	0	\$
Loans Approved	5	880.00
Total Assistance	5	880.00
January		
Grants Approved	0	\$
Loans Approved	4	815.00
Total Assistance	4	815.00
February		
Grants Approved	0	\$
Loans Approved	7	1,135.00
Total Assistance	7	1,135.00
March		
Grants Approved	0	\$
Loans Approved	6	817.50
Total Assistance	6	817.50
April		
Grants Approved	0	\$
Loans Approved	4	850.00
Total Assistance	4	850.00
TOTAL ASSISTANCE		\$4,872.50
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED		0

## 10. INSPECTOR GENERAL ACTIVITIES:

Inspector General Action Requests: 675

Annual General Inspections: 10

Investigations: 12

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1. Press Releases. The Press Section released 494 editorial and pictorial features and news stories to civilian and military news media. Those releases were distributed as follows:

	<u>TOTAL RELEASES</u>	<u>TOTAL DISTRIBUTION</u>
Stories w/o pictures	179	2874
Stories w/pictures	48	903
Pictures w/o stories	84	1516
Daily War Story	161	483
Weekly War Story	<u>22</u>	<u>66</u>
TOTAL	494	5842

2. Media Liaison Activities: Ninety-five accredited press representatives of news media visited the Division during the period 1 Nov 1970 to 10 Apr 1971. They represented the following media:

Baltimore Sun	Stars & Stripes
Washington Post	AP
SEAPC	Overseas Weekly
Newsweek Magazine	UPI
CBS	AFVN
New York Times	II FFV
New York Daily News	Chicago Daily News
USARPAC	Department of Defense
NBC	KCAU-TV, Sioux City
16th Photo Detachment	US News & World Report
ABC	Westinghouse Broadcasting
Pana News	Reuters
Jacksonville Times	Frankfurter Allegemcine News
Atlantic Monthly	Minneapolis Tribune
Cox Newspapers	Alton Telegraph

3. Hometown News Release Program. The following releases were forwarded to the Home Town News Center for distribution to civilian news media:

## Printed Releases

November	981
December	638
January	824
February	839
March	<u>735</u>

TOTAL            2398

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4. Command Information Guidance. The Command Information section provided information for three mandatory subjects and one mandatory Officers' Call on subjects prescribed by MACV. It also provided information for three subjects suggested by USARV, nine subjects suggested by the 1st Cavalry, and one subject suggested by MACV for Officers' Call. Fact Sheets were prepared on the following subjects: Safety Consciousness, The Red Cross, Human Relations, The Montagnards of South Vietnam, Venereal Disease, Hold Baggage, VA Benefits, Tax Benefits, and Why Drugs.

5. Division Publications. The CAVALAIR, the Division newspaper, was prepared at Camp Gorvad and sent to Stars & Stripes in Japan for printing once each week except for the week of 18 Mar 71. That week, a special Souvenir Issue, double in size and content and utilizing full color, was prepared. The FIRST TEAM Magazine, the Division quarterly, was prepared at Camp Gorvad and taken to Taipei, Taiwan for printing. A stand-down program and a press kit were also prepared during this period. A special supplement to the history of the 1st Cavalry Division (AM) in Vietnam was also sent to Taipei. This was in the same format as the FIRST TEAM Magazine but twice the size.

6. Audio/Visual Releases. Due to the lack of equipment, this section was closed in February.

	<u>Filmed TV Releases</u>	<u>Taped Radio Features</u>
November	0	133
December	1	30
January	0	15
February	0	3
March	0	0

7. Photographic Laboratory Activities. The photo section received 571 work orders, of which 534 have been processed. Work orders are broken down as follows:

a. Information Office and Protocol	376
b. General Staff	44
c. Aircraft Accidents	4
d. Passports, Naturalization, and DTOC passes	132

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e. W. O. Reprints	7
f. Command Portraits	3
g. Miscellaneous	<u>5</u>
Total Received	571
Total Processed	534

8. Miscellaneous Activities.

a. The Information Office prepared a newsletter twice daily compiled from AFVN News broadcasts for distribution to various mess halls at the Division headquarters.

b. The Command Information Specialist accompanied the Division Inspector General inspection teams on annual and courtesy inspections to critique information programs and 1st Cavalry Division Association programs.

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 TAB L: Provost Marshall Activities

1. During the period 1 November 1970 through 31 March 1971, the office of the Provost Marshall processed a total of 1,527 offenses.

Crimes of violence and crimes against property....	344
Miscellaneous offenses.....	532
Traffic law enforcement.....	651
Total	1,527

2. Breakdown of offense statistics:

a. Crimes of Violence and Crimes Against Property, 344: Murder, 1; Forcible Rape, 1; Aggravated Assault, 21; Burglary and House-breaking, 12; Larceny (over \$50.00), 269; Auto theft, 36; and Robbery 4.

b. Miscellaneous Offenses, 532: Simple assault, 25; Larceny (under \$50.00), 62; Wrongful Appropriation, 9; Fraud, 1; Narcotics, 48; Dangerous Drugs, 15; Marijuana, 169; Blackmarketing, 3; Counterfeiting and Currency Manipulations, 37; AWOL (Reported), 59; and AWOL (Apprehended), 4.

c. Traffic Law Enforcement, 651: Speeding, 283; Reckless Driving, 5; Fleeing the scene of a Traffic Accident, 0; Parking Violations (Unattended/Unsecured), 77; and Miscellaneous Violations, 386.

3. As of the last reporting period ending 31 Oct 70, there has been a noticeable increase in cases involving narcotics, dangerous drugs, and marijuana. This case increase is believed attributed primarily to the intensive drug awareness program which educated commanders in the identification of dangerous drugs and the seriousness of the drug abuse problems within the 1st Cavalry Division.

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TAB M: Surgeon Activities

1. Malaria. The Division Surgeon continued a program of reporting those diseased with malaria. Two daily reports and one weekly were distributed to all commanders reflecting the number of cases, the patient's name and unit, and the classification of each type of malaria. Those singled out are identified in the Command Health Report as well. The following are the malaria statistics for the reporting period:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NOV 70</u>	<u>DEC 70</u>	<u>JAN 71</u>	<u>FEB 71</u>	<u>MAR 71</u>
HHC, 1st Bde	1	0	0	0	0
1/7 Cav	5	10	11	3	5
2/7 Cav	6	19	9	3	5
1/12 Cav	4	6	3	7	12
2/12 Cav	11	14	2	2	3
HHC, 2nd Bde	2	3	5	2	1
5/7 Cav	10	14	15	16	3
1/8 Cav	5	6	6	4	23
HHC, 3rd Bde	0	0	0	0	0
1/5 Cav	11	7	9	23	6
2/5 Cav	12	6	5	11	9
2/8 Cav	13	17	9	8	5
DIVARTY	3	3	6	4	1
1/9 Cav	1	1	4	1	1
11th Avn Gp	4	2	2	3	2
DISCOM	2	2	1	4	0
13th Sig Bn	0	0	0	0	0
8th Engr Bn	4	2	4	0	1
HHC, 1st Cav Div(AM)	0	2	0	0	3
Div Troops	2	4	4	5	4
Co H, 75th Rgr (Abn)	4	4	8	1	1
545th MP Co	0	0	0	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>87</b>

2. Drug Abuse.

a. There were constant influxes of heroin addicts with a slight increase during the months of February and March. A drug abuse lecture team was appointed. It visited the fire support bases describing amnesty, prevention, rehabilitation, and abuse. The FIRST TEAM Academy continued "Drug Abuse" as a mandatory subject, which is given to all incoming junior grade officers and enlisted men. Enlisted men and rehabilitated addicts were also utilized to discuss drug problems with enlisted men from the various units.

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b. Approximately 250 alleged addicts sought assistance, of which 13% were classified as successfully rehabilitated and 19% rehabilitation failures. 20 patients returned for rehabilitation as repeaters but were not treated under amnesty.

c. Experience indicates that a less lenient approach to the program is required. A new program incorporating the following will therefore be instituted:

(1) Hospitalization for abusers will be for a fixed period of time (seven days).

(2) Patients will enter rehabilitation, not amnesty, if repeaters.

(3) Patients are required to return for a fixed number of follow-up sessions.

3. New Assignments. The Division had nine Medical Corps officers, three Medical Service Corps officers, and seventy-seven medical service enlisted men newly assigned.

4. Administration.

a. There were 25 patients referred to the Division Surgeon for final disposition. An additional twelve patients were referred by the office of the Inspector General.

b. 29 Presidential, Congressional, or Special Medical inquiries were processed on Division personnel. These inquiries included Congressional medical correspondence addressed to both the Office of the Adjutant General and the Office of the Division Surgeon from USARV Surgeon, USARPAC Surgeon, and the Surgeon General.

5. Preventive Medicine.

a. Selected teams conducted sample checks of urine specimens from all units in the Division.

b. Photodosimetry checks were maintained monthly from all X-ray facilities to insure safety.

c. Intensive monthly inspections were made of 11 mess halls, unit areas, clubs, barber shops, and sanitary fills to insure proper health and sanitary standards.

d. Chemical and biological purity checks were made of all water drawn within the FIRST TEAM AO.

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### Significant Activities

1. During the period 1 November 1970 to 9 April 1971, the Division Support Command (DISCOM) continued to support the 1st Cavalry Division (AM) in all operations. Combat service support provided by DISCOM to the FIRST TEAM included all classes of supply, maintenance (to include aircraft), medical services, evacuation of captured enemy material, technical assistance visits, and retrograde of excess equipment. In addition, training was provided to elements of the FIRST TEAM in rigging and slingout procedures, high velocity drop procedures, aeromedevac with hoist and jungle penetrator, and Class I resupply. Combat service support coordinated by the DISCOM of the FIRST TEAM included bath, laundry, explosive ordnance disposal, and transportation. Weather had no impact on the support provided by DISCOM. A finale to the support provided by DISCOM was the organizing, manning, and equipping of the Composite Service Support Battalion (CSSB), which provides the same service support above to the 3d Brigade (Separate), 1st Cavalry Division (AM). DISCOM's mission was assumed by the CSSB on 10 April 1971.

a. The 1st Forward Service Support Element (FSSE) provided logistical support to the elements of the 1st Brigade through 24 March 1971. Classes of supply I, II, III, IV, V, and IX, as well as direct support maintenance, medical service, and transportation were provided by DISCOM elements from the 1st Brigade base camp at Bien Hoa. Support was terminated on 24 March 1971 when the 1st Bde entered standdown.

(1) Sling-out operations were conducted from Grizzly Pad at Phuoc Vinh and Sandy Pad at Bien Hoa. These operations were controlled by personnel from the 1st FSSE into 24 March when responsibility passed to the FSSE assigned to the Composite Service Support Battalion.

(2) During the period 4 - 8 February, "D" Detachment, 27th Maint Bn, was absorbed into the Headquarters and A Company. After 8 February direct support maintenance (ground) was provided by Headquarters and A Company.

b. The 2d FSSE continued to provide supply, maintenance, and medical support to elements of the 2d Brigade and attached units based at, and operating out of, FSB Buttons. DISCOM elements also coordinated all transportation requests generated by elements of the 2d Brigade. Combat service support was terminated on 11 March when all elements of the 2d Brigade were moved from FSB Buttons to Bien Hoa.

(1) The forward supply points maintained at FSB Snuffy (Bu Gia Map) and LZ Caldwell (Duc Phong) were closed during February. Each location had a 300,000 gallon capacity JP-4 refuel point and an aircraft rearm facility.

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(2) During the movement of the 3d Bde and attached units from FSB Duttons to Bien Hoa over 25 S&P loads were backhauled and over 2,000 passengers moved by fixed wing. This move occurred during the period 1-11 March 1971.

c. The 3d FSSE continued to support the 3d Brigade and attached units from FSB Mace. Classes I, II, III, IV, and V supplies as well as maintenance and medical support were provided. In addition, the 3d FSSE coordinated the requirements for wheeled vehicles, fixed wing, and rotary wing aircraft needed for various troop and fire base moves.

(1) In addition to the FSSE operations at FSB Mace the 3d FSSE monitored the support functions at two forward locations, Tanh Linh and Phuong Lam. Support at these locations consisted of rearm and refuel points

(2) The refuel and rearm points were closed at Phuong Lam and refuel and rearm points opened at La Nga.

d. The Division Band performed at 23 change-of-command and 13 award ceremonies for both the FIRST TEAM and non-divisional units. The band played over 50 hours of music for the Skytroopers at every fire base in the Division's area of operations. The band enhanced Vietnamese-American relation by playing for the ARVN Training School during the Tet holidays. Over 4,000 ARVN soldiers and their families were entertained. During the period 1 March through 11 April the band played for 20 redeployment/in-activation awards ceremonies for the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and the 2d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division. The highlight of all activities was on 26 March when the band played in the FIRST TEAM Farewell Ceremony.

e. The Division Transportation Office recorded a total of 75,210 passengers moved by fixed wing aircraft. A total of 38,832 passengers were moved by common user aircraft (C-130 and C-123) and 36,378 passengers were moved by the seven dedicated C-7A (Caribou) aircraft.

(1) CH-47 sorties for the period totaled 15,991 and were employed in the movement of passengers and cargo. CH-47s (based on a figure of 5000 lbs per sortie) accounted for movement of 39,928 short tons. Cargo tonnage moved by C-123 and C-130 aircraft was 6,005 short tons while 4,471 tons were moved by committed C-7A aircraft. Total tonnage moved by fixed wing aircraft was 10,476 short tons.

(2) The use of ground lines of communication (LOC) was a particularly significant aspect of moving supplies, retrograding cargo, and moving units. A total of 83,081 short tons of supplies, retrograde cargo, and unit equipment was moved by wheeled vehicle and convoy. This accounted for the majority of transportation provided by the Division Transportation Office during the period.

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f. OPERATION SCRUB, a USARV program, was initiated on 26 September 1970 in the FIRST TEAM and completed on 1 February 1971. This project was designed to facilitate the systematic elimination of excess supplies and equipment and TOE/TOE equipment not required by the Division's units and DSUs. One of the prime characteristics of OPERATION SCRUB was the relaxation of paperwork to accomplish turn-in. The internal procedures adopted eased the administrative requirements even further on owning units by placing much of the burden on DISCOM receiving activities. Hence, owning units were given the incentive to turn-in excess and unneeded equipment which had only served to burden maintenance and transportation capabilities. Collection points were established at Bien Hoa, Camp Gorman, FSB Buttons, and FSB Rice and at separate battalion/com any rear areas. These collection points were so located to facilitate the use of backward aircraft and vehicles to the main collection point at Bien Hoa. Initially the 27th Maintenance Battalion received all items and operated the collection point at Bien Hoa. On 25 November 1970, the mission was transferred to the 15th Supply & Service Battalion. Free turn-in started on 6 October 1970, and the steady growth in accumulations was quite encouraging. On 28 December 1970, receiving facilities were closed at all collection points and OPERATION SCRUB terminated. When OPERATION SCRUB was completed there were 595 vehicles, 396 trailers, 514 generators, and some 34,600 miscellaneous items of Class II, Class VII, and Class IX supply processed and retrograded to CC&S, Depot, or PDO. It resulted in some 11.8 million dollars (acquisition cost) of equipment put back into the supply system. In addition, 683 items worth \$298,000 were redistributed within the Division. OPERATION SCRUB was a success. It enhanced the readiness posture of the Division and simplified and expedited standdown activities.

g. Changes in demand criteria for stockage of supply items at all Division Supply DSUs, the deletion of retention levels in authorizes stockage, and the employment of an artificial Order and Ship Time (15 days) in the computation of Requisitioning Objectives were among the more significant constraints placed upon supply operations in-country during the reporting period. All were aimed at reducing stock levels maintained in-country while maximizing the employment of assets already here. Inferred in these actions were the attendant requirements for supply retailers to validate inventories, purify stocks and locations, and cross-level or retrograde excesses. In early October, DISCOM DSUs embarked upon an intensive program of upgrading supply operations and stock control activities. Over 3000 lines were deleted from the ASL and over 10,394 lines of serviceable excess, worth some 1.8 million dollars, was retrograded by the 27th Maintenance Battalion. Over 5000 lines were deleted (Aircraft Maintenance & Supply), and 22,690 lines worth 4.7 million dollars were retrograded. The 15th Supply & Service Battalion reduced its ASL to 1031 lines, a 40% reduction, and retrograded over 900 lines of serviceable excess worth 1.1 million dollars. Net upward inventory adjustments and reduced warehouse refusals have been peripheral benefits realized as a result of the effort. Benefits obtained from the institution of this new criteria were to some extent offset by higher zero balances and shortages in high demand

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replenishment type items.

h. The Division Ammunition Office placed emphasis on the retrograde of recoverable brass and steel. During this period a total 1.1 million pounds of steel and 34,804 pounds of brass were retrograded. This is significant as the retrograde of recoverable brass and steel prior to October 1970 was negligible.

2. During the period 1 November 1970 through 2 April 1971, the 27th Maintenance Battalion continued to provide direct support maintenance and repair parts supply for all ground equipment (less medical and cryptographic) of the FIRST TEAM. Direct support maintenance and repair parts supply for all ground equipment was provided by the Maintenance Company of the residual Brigade after 2 April 1971. Support rendered by the 27th Maintenance Battalion was evident in the fact that the following percentages of equipment were operational at the end of the period.

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>OPERATIONAL</u>
Automotive	95.3%
Engineer	96.5%
Armament	99.8%
Communications	97.4%

a. The number of jobs complete:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>JOB COMPLETED</u>
Automotive	1,119
Engineer	1,402
Communications	8,053
Armament	5,647
Other	1,746
Total	17,967

b. The 27th Maintenance Battalion was given the mission of gaging all of the Division's M-16 rifles for muzzle bore erosion and replacing barrels, as required. Although the project required considerable time and personnel resources, it was completed.

c. At the start of the Division Drug Amnesty Program DISCOM received the mission of fabricating 100 amnesty boxes. The 27th Maintenance Battalion was given this project and in four weeks, 102 amnesty boxes were fabricated, painted, and turned over to the 15th Supply and Service Battalion for issue to Division units.

d. The 27th Maintenance Battalion assembled over 1,000 M203s (a

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40mm grenade launcher/M-16 rifle) and returned them to the 15th Supply and Service Battalion for issue to Division units.

3. The 15th Supply and Service Battalion continued to provide Class I through IV, Class VII, limited Class V, and aerial equipment support to the FIRST TEAM through 1 April 1971. Support was provided after 1 April 1971 by the Supply and Transport Company of the residual Brigade.

a. New refuel points were opened at Loc Ninh, Katum, and La Nga in support of operations in those areas.

b. Refuel points closed during the period were Ham Tan, Dong Xoai, Bu Gia Mai, Song Bo, Duc Phong, and Phuong Lam.

c. The 15th Supply and Service Battalion used 8,757 sorties to sling-out 34,818 short tons of supplies.

d. The AES Company rigged 128 drums of POL in 32 A-22 bags for air drop from C-130 aircraft into an unknown drop zone. Thirty-two (32) cargo parachutes (G-12) were provided by the depot in Can Ranh Bay.

4. The 15th Transportation Battalion (Aircraft Maintenance and Supply) continued to provide direct support and direct back-up maintenance for all aircraft, avionics equipment, and aircraft armament while also maintaining the ASL for aircraft repair parts.

a. Maintenance operations:

(1) Number of aircraft released: 644

(2) 1st Cavalry Division (AM) availability: High, 85%; Low, 76%; and Average, 51.2%.

b. Stock Control:

(1) Lines on ASL: 7,214

(2) Zero balance lines: 1,317

(3) Percent zero balance: 18.3%

(4) Total requests received: 41,905

(5) Demand accommodation: 87.6%

(6) Demand satisfaction: 83.2%

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(7) ASL requests received: 39,392

(8) ASL requests filled: 32,833

(9) Tonnage of parts issued to supported units: 363.5

5. The 15th Medical Battalion continued to provide emergency medical and dental treatment, MEDEVAC of casualties, both to its own clearing stations and uniquely, to field army evac and surgical facilities. Medical supply, limited maintenance of medical equipment, and limited optometric and psychiatric service were provided for the FIRST TEAM through the period 1 November 1970 to 25 March 1971. Continued support was provided by "C" Company, 15th Medical Battalion after 25 March 1971.

a. On 26 December 1970, a temporary MEDEVAC helicopter field location was established at Tay Ninh in support of "C" Troop, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry. A second field MEDEVAC helicopter standby location was established at Tay Ninh on 22 February 1971.

b. On 31 December 1970, an emergency medical team was deployed to Dau Hien in support of a FIRST TEAM operation. This team treated a total of 22 casualties.

c. The Air Ambulance Platoon flew 2,217 MEDEVAC missions, accrued 2626 hours flying time, and evacuated 2,705 patients. Of these a total of 334 were hoist patients. Four helicopters were damaged by hostile fire, one of which had to be retrograded. Two pilots and two crewmen were wounded by hostile fire. On 1 January 1971, the Air Ambulance Platoon was relieved of the mission of providing MEDEVAC support to the 5th ARVN Division.

d. The 15th Medical Battalion participated in 26 MEDCAPS treating a total of 907 patients and six DEWICAPS treating a total of 30 patients.

6. The DISCOM of the FIRST TEAM provided instruction in the following areas to elements of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile):

<u>Class</u>	<u>Unit Presenting Instruction</u>	<u>Number of Pers Trained</u>	<u>Number of Units Trained</u>	<u>Hrs of Training</u>
Rigging and Sling-out Operations	15th S&S Bn	3,936	50	80
High Velocity Air Drops	15th S&S Bn	84	6	12

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<u>Class</u>	<u>Instruction</u>	<u>Trained</u>	<u>Trained</u>	<u>Training</u>
Class I Resupply	15th S&S Bn	92	42	10
Crew Chief Maintenance	15th TC Bn	400	7	320
AEROMEDEVAC	15th Med Bn	5,782	3	55
Aircraft Recovery	15th TC Bn	69	33	29

a. The following instruction and on-the-job training was provided to elements of the FMMAF:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Presented By</u>	<u>Number of Pers Trained</u>	<u>Number of Units Trained</u>	<u>Hours of Training</u>
AEROMEDEVAC	15th Med Bn	395	7	22
Rigging/ Sling-out	15th S&S Bn	378	7	26
Ammo Support	DAO, DISCOM	NA	2	1½ months
Generator & Diesel Engine Maintenance	27th Maint Bn	NA	1	16
Class III Supply	15th S&S Bn	5	1	2½ months

b. The following instruction was presented by the 27th Maintenance Battalion on maintenance and operations:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Number of Pers Trained</u>	<u>Number of Units Trained</u>	<u>Hours of Training</u>
Generators	458	38	605
Engineer Equipment	160	10	80
Forklifts	7	1	8
Small Arms & Commo	33	6	31

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c. In addition to the above instruction provided the FIRST TEAM the 27th Maintenance Battalion provided 327 technical assistance visits and the 15th Transportation Battalion provided 748.

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TAB O: Fire Support Bases Constructed and Closed

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<u>FSB NAME</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>DTG OPENED</u>	<u>DTG CLOSED</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
INGALLS	YT 739302		01 Nov	2-5 Cav
CHEYENNE	YT 928536	01 Nov	21 Nov	2-5 Cav
REFUGE	YT 001598		01 Nov	1-5 Cav
GREEN	YT 334745		02 Nov	1-7 Cav
MURALL	YT 391607	02 Nov	25 Nov	1-7 Cav
BETTY	YU 245289	03 Nov	12 Dec	5-7 Cav
CONNEL	YT 315628	04 Nov	02 Dec	1-7 Cav
JEANNE	YU 558178		08 Nov	1-8 Cav
AUDIE	YU 435294	08 Nov	18 Nov	2-12 Cav
PERSHING	YT 161405		08 Nov	2-7 Cav
ANDRE	YT 264460	09 Nov	18 Nov	2-7 Cav
GRUNT	YT 698898	10 Nov	04 Dec	1-8 Cav
NELSON	YT 047660	13 Nov	01 Dec	1-5 Cav
BARRY	YU 170331	18 Nov	27 Nov	5-7 Cav
DACUS	YT 202570	18 Nov	27 Dec	2-7 Cav
PEGGY	YT 859333	21 Nov	03 Jan	2-5 Cav
GREEN	YT 334745	25 Nov	11 Dec	1-7 Cav
AUDIE	YU 435294	27 Nov	07 Dec	2-12 Cav
SILVER	YT 829043	26 Oct	28 Jan	2-8 Cav
APACHE	YT 733247	28 Nov	07 Dec	2-5 Cav
ARES	YT 492664		30 Nov	1-12 Cav
JUPITER	YT 498493	30 Nov	01 Feb	1-7 Cav

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GREEN	YT 334745	02 Dec	29 Dec	1-7 Cav
RASH	YT 535938	04 Dec	03 Feb	1-8 Cav
APACHE	YT 733247	08 Dec	13 Mar	1-5 Cav
BUNARD	YT 271884	11 Dec	16 Dec	2-7 Cav
ELEVEN BRAVO	YU 687964	14 Dec	23 Dec	5-7 Cav
PENNY	XT 945632	18 Dec	07 Jan	2-12 Cav
SUNDAY PUNCH	YU 395476	23 Dec	26 Feb	5-7 Cav
ANDRE	YT 264460	27 Dec	11 Jan	2-7 Cav
CONNEL	YT 315627	29 Dec	10 Jan	1-7 Cav
TRAP	YT 778151	05 Jan	13 Jan	1-5 Cav
DURBY	XT 321293	06 Jan	20 Jan	2-7 Cav
WILLIAMS	XT 955724	07 Jan	10 Jan	2-12 Cav
GREEN	YT 334745	10 Jan	23 Jan	1-7 Cav
SHERMAN	YT 216369	10 Jan	09 Feb	2-7 Cav
PENNY	XT 945632	10 Jan	21 Jan	2-12 Cav
PEGGY	YT 859333	14 Jan	28 Jan	2-5 Cav
OLESEN	YT 655068	16 Jan	28 Jan	2-11 ACR
CHRISTOPHER	YT 735492		17 Jan	1-12 Cav
TIMBUKTU	YT 779658	17 Jan	05 Mar	1-12 Cav
NOBLE	YT 437747	23 Jan	20 Mar	1-7 Cav
FOUNTAIN	YS 803953	28 Jan		2-8 Cav

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CLAIRE	YT 825455	31 Jan	14 Feb	1-5 Cav
POWER RIDGE	YT 819778	31 Jan	04 Mar	1-12 Cav
SANDRA	ZT 096197	01 Feb		2-5 Cav
BETTY	YU 245289	03 Feb	7 Mar	1-8 Cav
NELSON	XT 047660	04 Feb	12 Feb	2-12 Cav
DRAGON HEAD	YT 687964		04 Feb	1-8 Cav
CUSTER	YT 024348	09 Feb	01 Mar	2-7 Cav
AUDIE	YU 435294		27 Feb	5-7 Cav
ARES	YT 492665	15 Feb	26 Feb	1-7 Cav
CHERYL	YT 861175	20 Feb	08 Mar	1-5 Cav
SNUFFY	YU 336362		01 Mar	5-7 Cav
SHERMAN	YT 216369	01 Mar	02 Mar	2-7 Cav
CUSTER	YT 024438	02 Mar	12 Mar	2-7 Cav
SHERMAN	YT 216369	04 Mar	28 Mar	1-12 Cav
BUTTONS	YU 140070		06 Mar	1-8 Cav
OLESEN	YT 655068	11 Mar	19 Mar	1-5 Cav
CHARLES	YT 407647	20 Mar		1-7 Cav

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 TAB P: Civil Affairs

1. Civic Action: In compliance with current Vietnamization objectives, FIRST TEAM assets in direct support of civic action projects were significantly reduced during the reporting period. Guidance for assistance as directed by MACV (515-1) provides that help will be rendered if (1) all attempts from GVN sources fail and (2) the project will fail without assistance. There were no major projects remaining to be accomplished nor were any new projects started. In response to a request by the Phuoc Long Province Chief, the FIRST TEAM provided four (4) dump trucks and one (1) scraper in the ground preparation for a market place in Song Be. Approximately 125 MEDCAPS were conducted because GVN medical personnel were not available.

2. Vietnamization/Resources Control. The newly activated Resources Control Vietnamization/Pacification Section, G5, had all vacancies filled by 15 November. The FIRST TEAM Civic Action Fund was dissolved as were the US/FWMAF Civic Action and PSYWAR funds during standdown.

a. Vietnamization, on-the-job training and formal instruction given ARVN soldiers continued. 10 Combat Advisory Teams were deployed in the AO to upgrade RF, PF, PSDF performances. Added emphasis was stressed on mobile checkpoints along QL-1, QL-14, and QL-20. Eagle Flights were increased to approximately five (5) a week from the latter part of January through the month of February.

b. PF Training. In January 1971 the FIRST TEAM was directed by IIEFV to conduct PF NCO refresher training utilizing the facilities and personnel of the First Team Academy. The 10-day course terminated in February 1971 with the graduation of 150 PF NCOs from 10 Provinces. Under the auspices of the "Dedicated Company Program," the Division was directed to provide four (4) companies to implement the expanded on-site PF training. The training was broken down into 2 phases: Phase I, 18 January - 14 February 1971, and Phase II, 15 February - 15 March 1971. 1st Bde was responsible for control over B/1-27 Inf and C/1-5 Cav; 2nd Bde, E/2-12 Cav; and Prov 3rd Bde, C/2-8 Cav; and DIVARTY, D/2-7 Cav. Results:

TRAINING UNIT	UNITS TRAINED		PF PERSONNEL TRAINED	
	PHASE I	PHASE II	PHASE I	PHASE II
E/2-12	11	34	262	1260
C/1-5	83	69	2118	1188
D/2-7	42	73	1056	1244
C/2-8	6	12	165	395
B/1-27	<u>16</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>600</u>
TOTAL	158	213	3951	4687

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Combined totals: Phase I & II: 371 units, 8588 personnel.

Miscellaneous Regional Forces 200 personnel

PSDF 440 personnel

Hamlet/Village Officials 50 personnel

Total 690 personnel

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TAB Q: Psychological Operations

1. (U) General: PSYOPS, as during the last reporting period, continued to support the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) tactical operations by exploiting enemy vulnerabilities. Division aircraft flew 122 hours of broadcast time and dropped 5,513,000 leaflets while the 9th Special Operations Squadron supported the FIRST TEAM with 757 hours of broadcast time and dropped 78,266,000 leaflets.
2. (C) The overall PSYOPS effort remained the same for this reporting period. All brigades continued to exploit the enemy units under the concepts set during the last reporting period until 28 February 1971. Beginning 1 March, a campaign to encourage and promote confidence in the armed forces of Vietnam accelerated. Redeployment, as a step towards peace and proof of United States friendship, became increasingly accented.
3. (C) Enemy Units targeted:
  - a. SR-5
  - b. 81st RSG
  - c. 86th RSG
  - d. K-28 Bn
  - e. K-29 Bn
  - f. K-14 Bn
  - g. K-25 Bn
  - h. Dong Nai Bn
  - i. Ba Long Province
  - j. MR-7
  - k. 460 Local Force
  - l. 640 Local Force
  - m. 430 Local Force
  - n. MR-10
  - o. 33d NVA Regt
  - p. VC Binh Tan

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TAB Q: Psychological Operations (Cont)

q. Phuoc Vinh Special Action Group

4. PSYOPS Themes:

- a. "Rally to the Search Light"
- b. "Rally to the Helicopter"
- c. "Rico Denial"
- d. "Voluntary Informant Program"
- e. "Chieu Hoi Benefits"
- f. "Redeployment"
- g. "Demoralization"
- h. "Nostalgia"

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TAB R: LUOC LOUNG 66 (Kit Carson Scouts)

1. (U) The FIRST TEAM had 256 Kit Carson Scouts assigned upon the termination of the reporting period. 11 scouts had transferred from the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, 26 from the 2d Bde, 25th Infantry Division, and 79 from miscellaneous units undergoing standdown.
2. (U) 113 KCSs terminated service based upon release requests and sub-standard performances.
3. (U) One KCS was killed in action during ground operations.

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TAB S: Chemical Activities

1. General: During the period 1 November 1970 - 10 April 1971, Division Chemical Section, 26th Chemical Detachment, and 184th Chemical Platoon (DS), continued chemical support activities for the 1st Cavalry Division (AM). FIRST TEAM Chemical Personnel continued to support the Division in the following area: Airborne Personnel Detection, CS employment, Crop Destruction, Flame Employment, Chemical Subjects Training, and Inspections.

2. Operational Highlights.

a. In addition to their normal intelligence gathering process, Airborne Personnel Detector (Sniffer) missions resulted in the discovery of several heavily used trails, thirty-one enemy soldiers, one enemy truck, and numerous bunkers, hootches, and rafts.

b. Persistent CS Drum Drops were continued throughout the FIRST TEAM AO. On 26-28 January 1971, CH-47 aircraft were used to drop persistent CS on trails used by NVA/VC. This operation greatly reduced enemy movement around the target area.

c. During November approval was granted to conduct crop destruction operations in certain section of Binh Tuy Province. Four sorties using C-123K (Provider) aircraft were flown in November and the remainder of the crops in the approved areas were destroyed on 8-10 December 1970 using helicopters to spray herbicide. A total of 1259 gallons of 30% aqueous solution of agent BLUE were sprayed on enemy garden plots covering a total of 71 acres. The primary crops destroyed were rice, manioc, vegetables, and corn.

d. The combination of an active psychological operations and napalm crop destruction program during 1 November 1970 to 10 January 1971 resulted in approximately 140 Hoi Chanhs from the War Zone D.

e. On 8 December 1970 a new technique was used to drop napalm from a CH-47 aircraft which improved the coverage by approximately 85%. The method developed was to sling two cargo nets of napalm external on the CH-47 cargo drop mechanism and have the slings separated by a height of approximately five feet. This method proved to be very helpful in achieving larger area coverage and reducing the number of sorties needed to destroy the target area.

3. Operational Totals: Totals given for the reporting period include most, but not all of the wide variety of chemical support given the FIRST TEAM.

a. Airborne Personnel Detection (Sniffer) missions: 559

b. CS Drum Drops: 29 missions, 870 drums (69,000 lbs of persistent CS)

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TAB S: Chemical Activities (Cont)

- c. E158 CS Clusters Dropped: 225
- d. Mini-Burbs Produced: 2055
- e. Hush Flares/Fougasse inspected: 30/354 (replaced 19 Fougasse charges)
- f. Installed Fougasse: 12 55-gallon drums of napalm
- g. Napalm dropped: 176 sorties, 1965 drums (108,075 gallons)
- h. Helicopter Crop Destruction: 71 acres (1259 gal 30% aqueous solution of BLUE Herbicide sprayed)
- i. FIRST TEAM Academy replacement personnel trained: 425
- j. Gas Chamber exercise: 5 exercises/690 personnel
- k. Protective mask inspected: 8,645/650 repaired
- l. Vector Control:
  - (1) 742 gallons of Diazinon sprayed
  - (2) 1588 gallons of 5% Malathion sprayed

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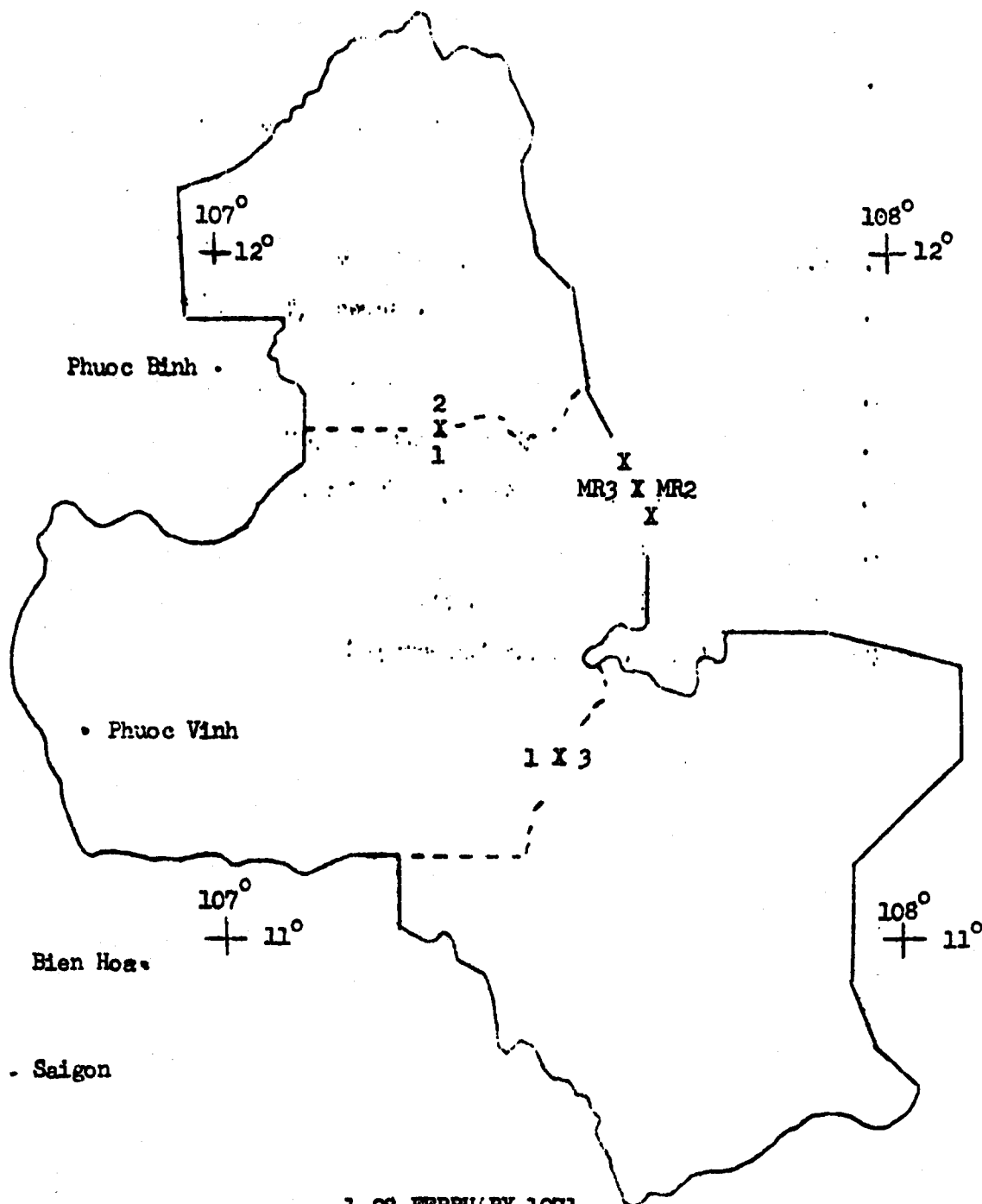
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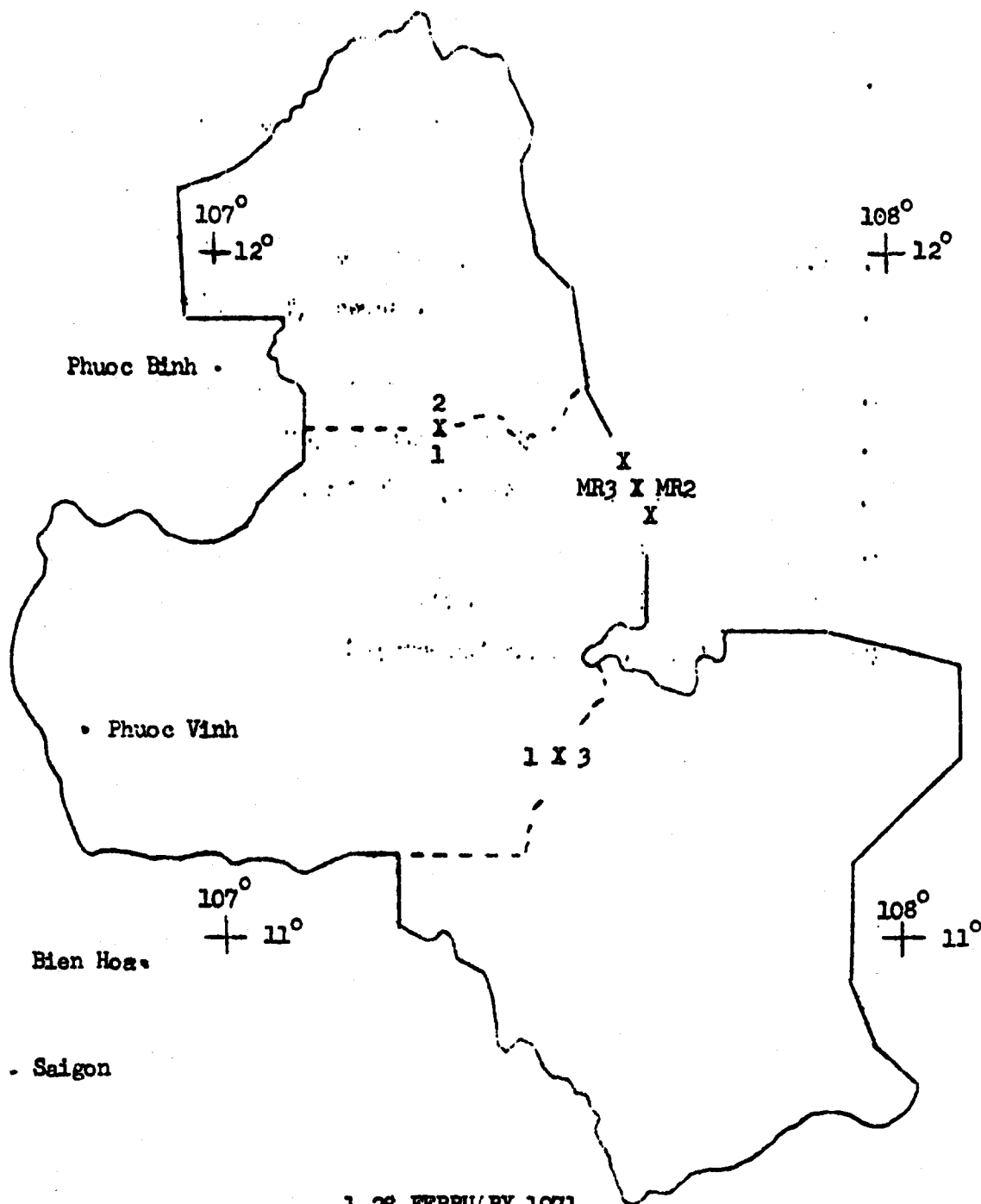
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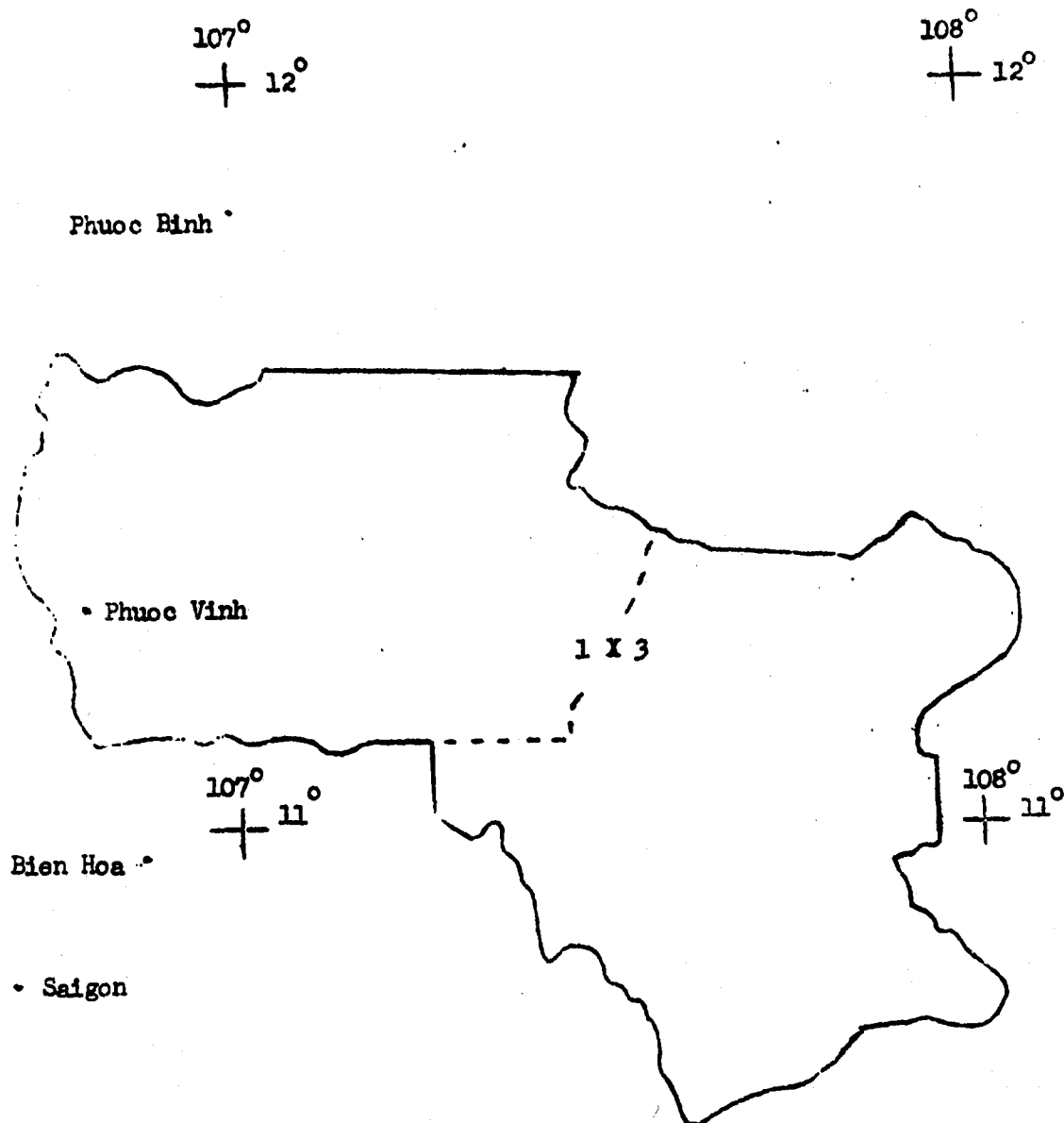
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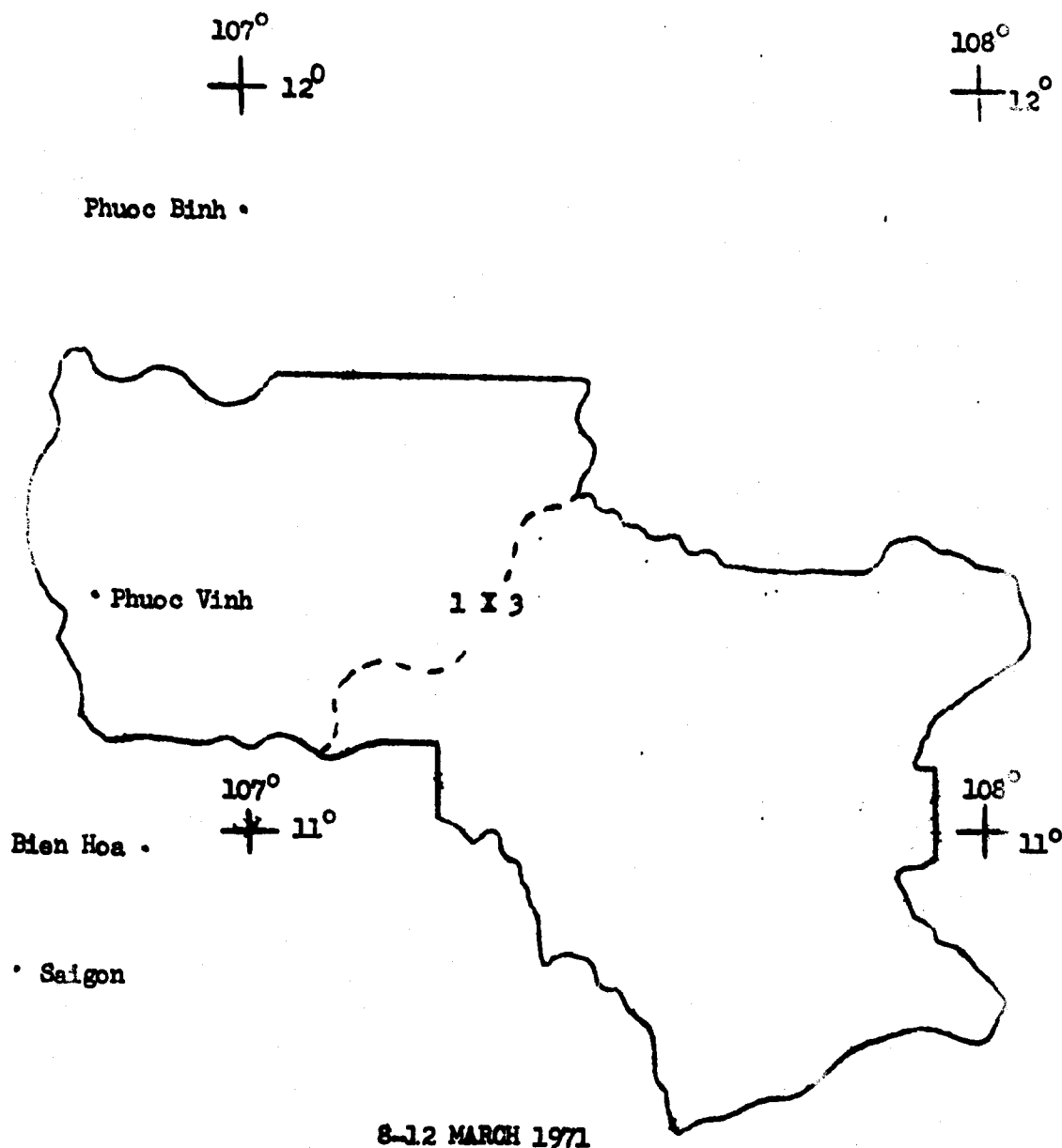
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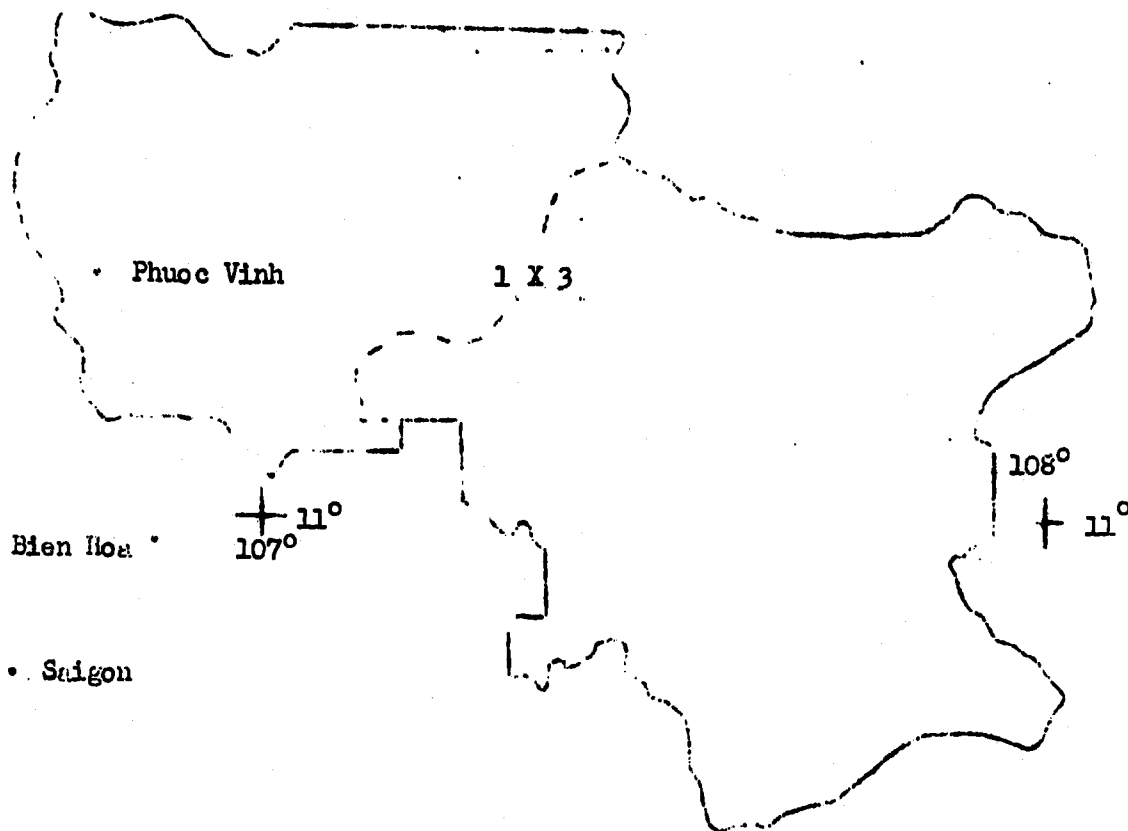
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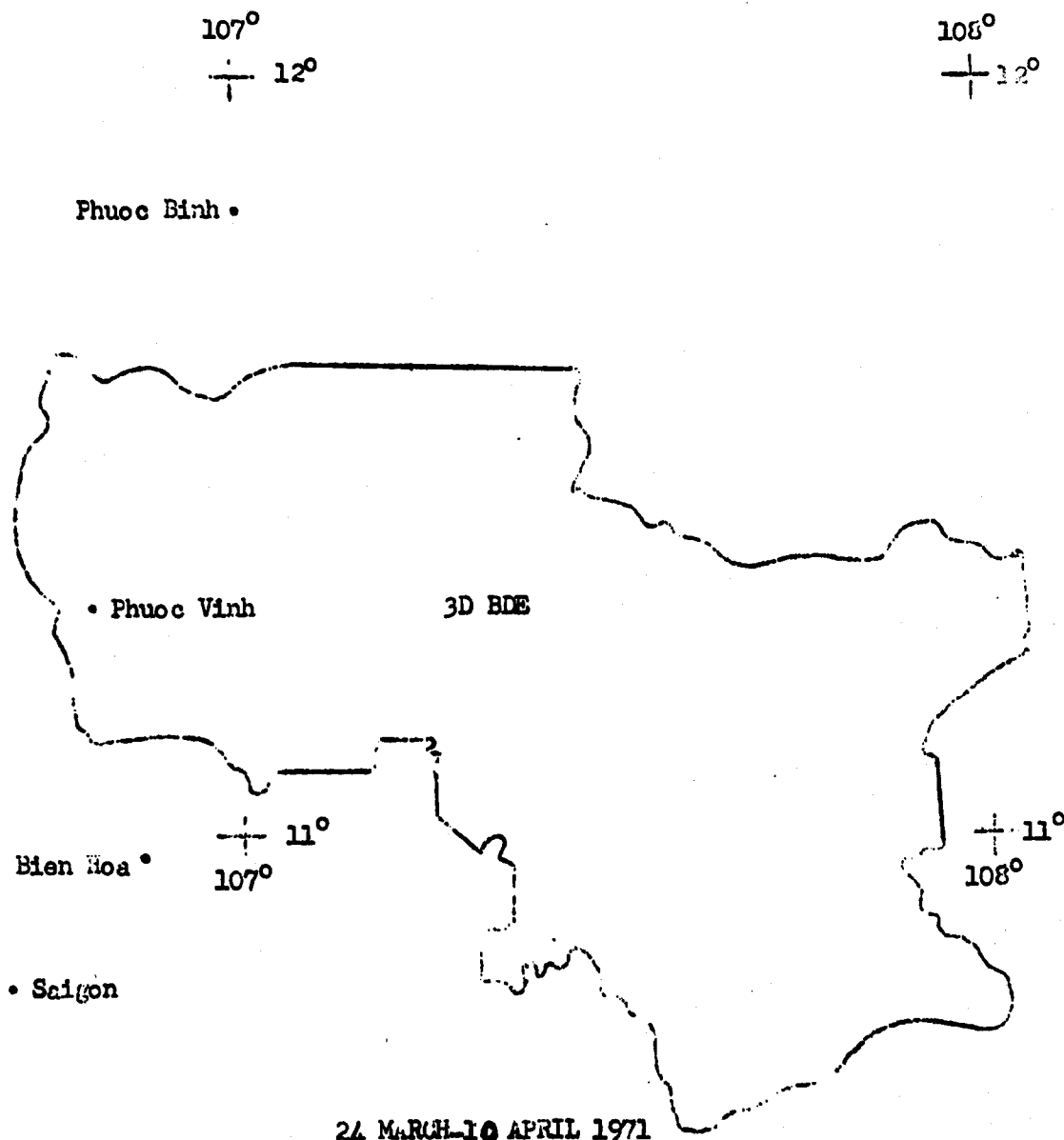
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